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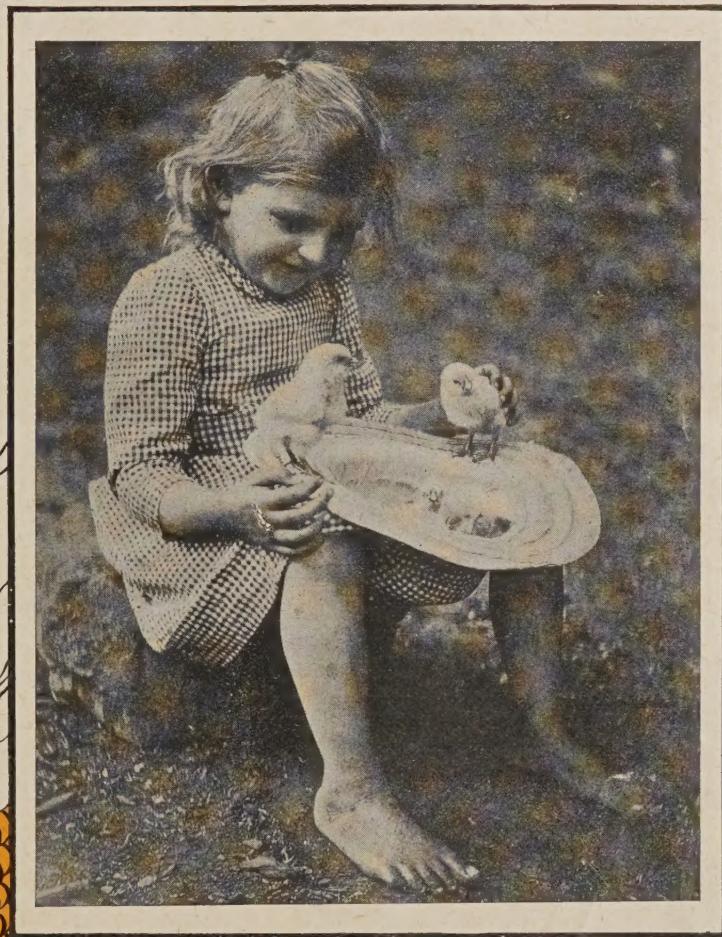
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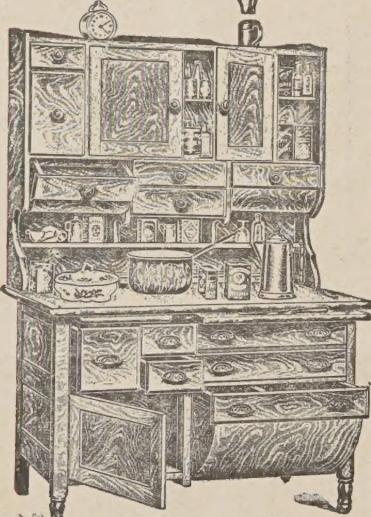
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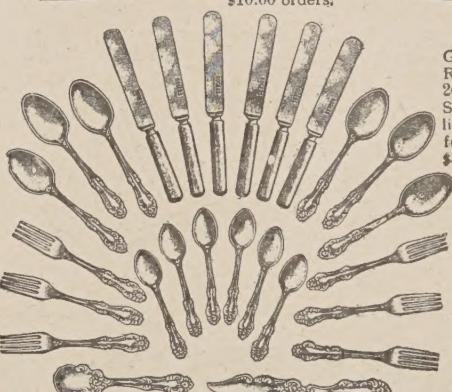
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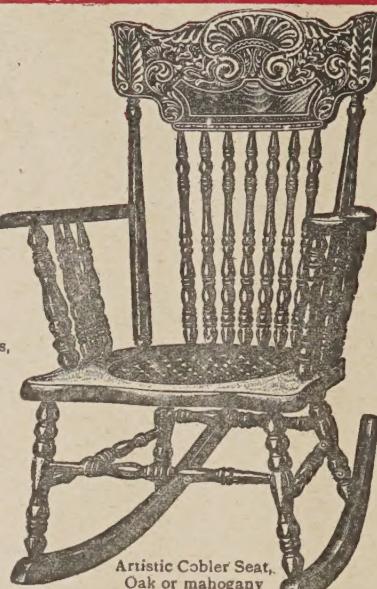
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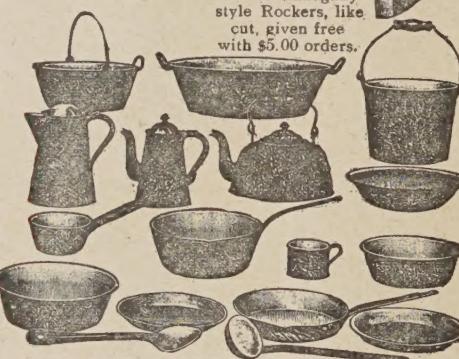
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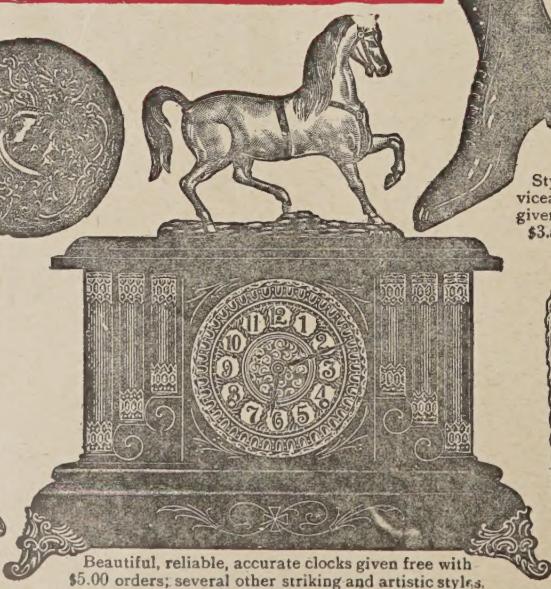
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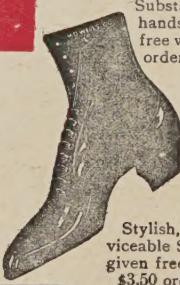


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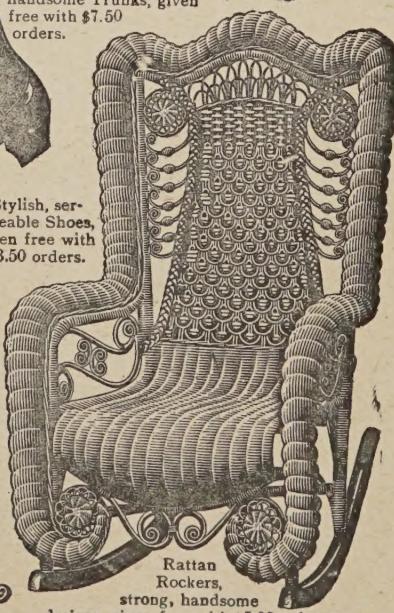
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He is the man who wants to know what is going on in the world outside his own county. He wants to know NOW, not a year from now, and he is the man who buys an able progressive magazine, yes, and pays for it in advance.

If he has progressed so far, be sure his women-folks are not far behind. They too, want the latest ideas in step-savers and automatic house helpers. They want to know the merits of washing-machines and dish-washers, of patent churning and poultry feeders and all those things which seem half human in the things they do to save you.

Not only this, all the family wish to keep in touch with live things and people, the reasons why, what everybody is talking about. The girls no longer are content to have their clothes the fashion of last year or the year before that. They want the latest advices in frills and furbelows, and when they take a rest they want something pleasant to read, or some new and pretty work to take up, something that will be useful about the house or in their own rooms.

Perhaps you are wondering what the publisher has to do with all these things. Why everything in the world. He provides them for you.

His hand guides all the lines, and he sees that the magazine is Helpful and Wholesome from one end to the other.

Through his lieutenants he is building up for you a strong, able Magazine. His watch-word is "The Best, first, last and all the time.

FROM THE CIRCULATION MANAGER

We are pretty busy now taking care of new and renewal subscriptions that are coming in so fast—in fact our desks are just piled full of subscriptions from our friends, but there will be no delay and your subscription will have prompt attention. Send them in and those of your friends and we will take care of them.

Do you have a friend whose home and surroundings might be improved? If so a year's subscription to Vick's Magazine would be appreciated. Perhaps a neighbor on your street would improve his lawn and have plants in the home and flower beds during the summer if only Vick's Magazine were there to suggest it.

If you will send us such a subscription, we will advance your subscription, six months, if you are an old subscriber. Now, that is a good offer: Send us a year's subscription to Vick's Magazine and we will give you a six-month's subscription, for your work. Try it.

We can not get over the feeling that our Clubbing Offers are just about right. So many are taking advantage of them and we hope you will look them through carefully. You will notice that a great many substitutions can be made, enabling you to make up almost any combination. We shall be glad to send you a Special Quotation on any combination that you do not find in our list.

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Are you receiving two copies of Vick's? Is there anything about your subscription that is not just correct? Write us about it and we will gladly make any corrections.

Tell your friends about our Winter Farming Under Glass, an illustrated article in our February number.



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To Our Contributors. All manuscripts, drawings or photographs sent on approval to this magazine should be addressed to the Editor, N. Hudson Moore, 18 Berkeley St., Rochester, N.Y. with stamps enclosed for their return if not found acceptable.

Vick's Magazine for 1907

With the New Year Vick's Magazine starts out on a new era of usefulness and merit. Never before in the history of the magazine, and this extends over thirty years, has so much been planned for your benefit and pleasure. By this time you must have become interested in the serial

BUELL HAMPTON

and learned to love the Major for himself alone. Nor can one watch the unfolding of a young girl's character without interest, particularly such a girl as Ethel.

"CATTLE RANCH TO COLLEGE"

although written for a Boys' story has that compelling quality which makes you want to follow the fortunes of its young hero and see for yourself how he overcame great odds, and finally won what he desired. It gives a truthful picture of a life which has now vanished, for with the fencing of the ranges that old, free life of the cowboy has gone, gone with the buffalo and the wandering Indian tribes.

THE WONDERFUL BAG AND WHAT WAS IN IT

presents in every number a complete story. They are like a string of beads hanging together by a slender cord. They have a great charm, these little stories, and not the least of these are the illustrations, many of which are made by Latimer J. Wilson, whose success in this line is well known.

"A FISHING EPISODE"

our first two-part story opens in this number. It cannot be read without emotion, yet it is so simply told that you feel that you almost know Jacob, and appreciate his feelings when he wanted to leave all care behind him for just one happy day.

SHORT STORIES

during the year will be numerous. Among the titles down for speedy appearance are, "On Condition," by Milford W. Foshay; "Mrs. Orton's Discoveries," by Hilda Richmond; "Forsaken," by Myrtle Frances Ballard, "The Web of the Spider," by Will M. Clemens; "The Oil of Gladness," by Arthur W. Beer; and dozens of others, together with little tales and bits of information, with poems and facts of interest to suit all tastes.

OUR REGULAR DEPARTMENTS

All flower-lovers will be pleased with the charming heading which Walter H. Glines has provided for us, and which greets you in this number. Old friends and new will welcome Florence Beckwith back to her old post "Among Our Flowers," and be glad to hear that from time to time she will have the assistance of such well-known writers on floral subjects as Danske Dandridge, Georgina Townsend, Ida Bennett and Georgia Hardy, besides occasional contributions from scores of other floral writers from all parts of the country.

Do not forget to have your pet house plants photographed and send the picture to us. The best one will receive a round silver dollar as a prize, and such others as can be used in the magazine will be purchased at regular rates.

THE POULTRY YARD
MOTHERLAND
FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER AND FANCY WORK

will all be conducted so as to fill your wants. If there is anything about which you are puzzled, write to us and ask

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FROM THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Our readers will find a large amount and variety of advertising in this issue and we hope that you will read every one of our columns carefully and see if you can not find something that interests you. In order to produce results for those who are represented in Vick's Magazine we must have the confidence of our subscribers.

We are very careful in admitting advertising to our pages and unless it is sent to us through some reliable agency, we make a thorough investigation before placing it before our readers; consequently, you need have no hesitancy or fear in writing our advertisers, for we will see that you get a "square deal." Read "Our Guarantee to Vick's Subscribers" on this page.

Advertisements are required to make a Journal pay, for the subscription price covers merely the cost of manufacture, and when advertisements fail, the publication is bound to go under. We, therefore, take this opportunity to thank one and all of our subscribers for being so liberal in their patronage of those who pay us their Dollars to place their offers before you. You have enabled us to make many improvements in our Magazine that otherwise could not have been realized. You have also given our Journal the reputation of being one of the best and most profitable mediums an advertiser can use. Again, we wish to thank you. May the same cordial relations continue, to exist between our subscribers and advertisers that have made Vick's Magazine a head liner during the past few years.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Just a word of thanks to those old and new subscribers who have sent an encouraging line to the new editor in the chair. At first the chair seemed a little large, but it is easier now and will become increasingly so as I become acquainted with my friends, the subscribers, and my co-workers, the contributors. It takes some time I know, to learn the wishes and tastes of such a large family as ours, but you see I am full of confidence that gradually we will become friends.

And really, what is a friend? A person who tells you your good points as well as your bad ones, who encourages as well as points out defects, and who helps you always to do the best that in you lies.

Now you can see what I am expecting of you, YOU, and when I say this word I look North, South, East and West. If there is something in a number of the Magazine which you like particularly, drop me a few words to that effect. There may be something else along that same line which you will like and which I can get for you.

Do you like some of our illustrations? Let me know. The artist will be as glad to hear of it as I am, for it is true, that till we get acquainted we are working in the dark, and each gleam of light from the lamp of a friend is as welcome as sunlight.

Sometimes in the home, problems of one kind or another arise. If you want help in solving any, let me know, perhaps the very answer is just here at hand. If there are any special questions which you think would be profitable to have discussed, let me know. If you wish it, others will also. Of course we are anxious for the magazine to grow, not only to grow great in point of circulation, which is your work, but great in point of helpfulness which is my work. The only way, however, to accomplish these ends is to push together, you at your end, I at mine, both of us bearing in mind that "Vick's Magazine is just for you."

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Pheasant Raising for Profit A Side Line for Farmers

By Mary H. Northend

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SPORTSMEN all over the country are interested in the increase of pheasants, and many of the states are taking the matter in hand in breeding and freeing them. When let loose in the woods, these birds increase rapidly; so there bids fair to come a time when our "landed gentry" may be able to have their coverts beaten and bring down their birds on the wing like our English cousins in their preserves.

The honor of introducing this beautiful bird into America is given to Judge D. W. Denny, United States consul at Shanghai; an enthusiastic sportsman himself, about twenty years ago he brought from China to Oregon some fifty pairs of pheasants.

From this importation, the idea of pheasant raising in our country originated, for the experiment was most successful. The immigrants have taken kindly to their new homes, and have thrived so well that their descendants to lay are practically innumerable, and are found wild all over the country west of the Cascade Range, and are abundant upon the Pacific coast from Vancouver Island southward.

The sportsmen in the east have also become interested in the propagation of these birds, and hatcheries have been established on different portions of the eastern coast. But the pheasant farms which have sprung up, have proved entirely inadequate to meet the demands for eggs and young birds, of clubs as well as of individual estates. One private shooting club in Long Island releases two thousand birds each year, and the Ohio Duck Club has liberated thousands along the shores of Lake Erie. Senator McMillan was the pioneer of the work along the northern coast of Massachusetts.

The favorite resort of the pheasant is wherever woods are plentiful, near rivers and marshy places, and islands which are overgrown with tangled vegetation, where they make a path through the woods that is easily tracked. But to study them and their habits thoroughly, one must visit these shy birds in captivity, and learn their mode of living, watch their movements, listen to their different notes, and admire the beautiful color of their plumage as they move incessantly up and down their runs.

Four kinds of pheasants are commonly chosen for breeding purposes, but these four vary so in coloring and habit that they form a nucleus for the study of the other species. They are the beautiful Golden with its flashing colors, the proudly strutting Silver with its snowy hue, the iridescent Swinhoe, and the Mongolian, the shiest of them all.

The golden is the most striking in appearance of all

the pheasants. He is an exceedingly handsome bird, with as many colors as the proverbial Joseph's coat. The distinguishing characteristics of the male bird are the long, full crest of hairy feathers of a bright yellow, and the cape-like mass of feathers covering the back of the head and neck. This, in a bird of pure breed, has orange and black stripes. Then, the

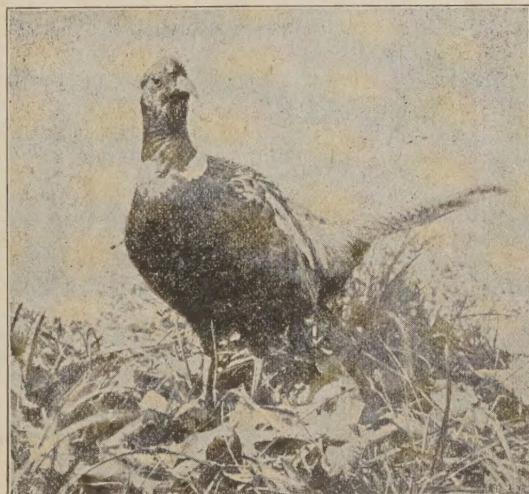
white, more or less mottled with black, the two central tail feathers, however, being pure white. The breast and under parts are a bluish black. Its plumage is not fully developed until the end of the second year.

This bird has nearly a dozen species allied to it, among them the poor Swinhoe, who, in captivity, seems destined to live a very solitary life. In his lonely grandeur, he looks at his visitor with a scornful eye, as if to challenge anyone who dares intrude upon his privacy. Indeed, his nature is so ferocious, that it is almost impossible to breed pure species. He attacks his mate as soon as she is put into his cage. The bird shown had killed two mates within a month, and was then doomed to solitary confinement, as a fitting punishment. The coloring of this pheasant is exquisite, the plumage resembling blue velvet, iridescent upon the shoulders, while the upper part of the tail and a strip on the back of the neck are pure white. He is a native of Formosa and is noted for the fluttering of his wings like all the Kalij family.

The so called Mongolian pheasant is the best bird for stocking the game preserves in America. This species is really the China Ring neck or Torguatus, for the true Mongolian has never been brought alive into this country. They are getting very numerous here, especially on the Pacific coast, where last year fifty thousand were killed in one day. They are extremely hard birds to deal with in captivity owing to their great shyness. The greatest caution has to be observed in approaching their cages, especially by strangers, for at such times they have been known to fly to the top of their runs with such violence that they have struck their heads against the wires overhead, and have been killed. For this reason, many keepers liberate these pheasants, and they make their homes in the adjoining woods, returning to their old haunts morning and evening for food.

This Torguatus or Ring-necked pheasant is easily recognized by his broad white collar from which he gets his name. His flanks are a light buff and his upper wing coverts a pale grayish blue; while his back and tail are speckled with brown and white with a green iridescent rump.

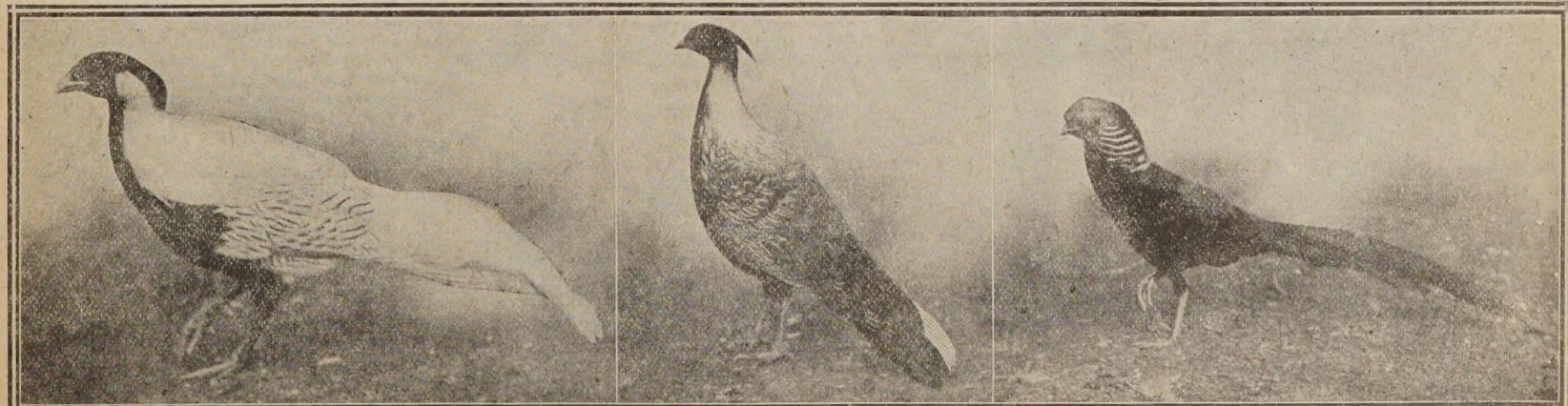
The Torguatus is by far the most prolific of the pheasants, laying when free as many as twenty eggs either in March or April. Their nests are made of dry grass and leaves, and deposited on the ground where the hen hatches and rears her young. But in captivity the pheasant mother loses all her vigilance and care, and indeed lays less than half as many eggs as when in a wild state, and she must be carefully watched, for she makes no attempt to nest, but



Mongolian Pheasant

long tail has greatly lengthened upper coverts. The breast and under part of the body are a glowing crimson, while up the back and on the rump brilliant yellow prevails, bordered on each side with blue and yellow wings. This must have been the bird that Solon had in mind when he gave his crushing answer to King Croesus, desirous of dazzling him with his splendor. He asked the wise man what could exceed his magnificence, and was told that the plumage of the pheasant was finer than anything he owned. The female of this species is sombre in hue, speckled brown and white, a fine foil for her gorgeous husband.

The silver pheasant is also a very beautiful bird, though not as brilliant in coloring as the golden. The entire upper portion of his plumage and tail is



Silver Pheasant

Swinhoe Pheasant
Bred on the McMillan Estate, Massachusetts

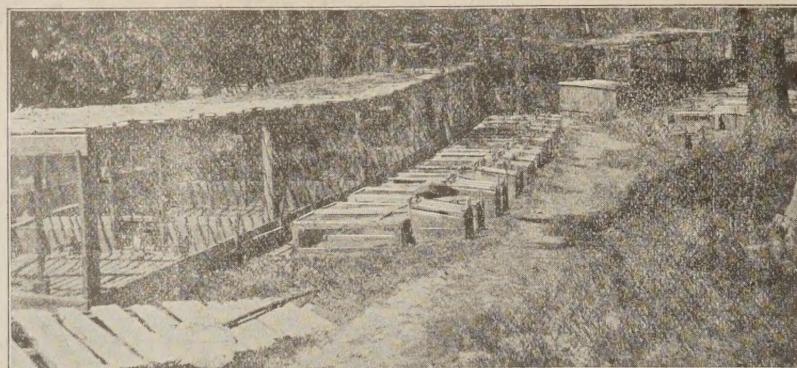
Golden Pheasant

drops her eggs all over the cage, often crushing them in her carelessness. But this difficulty is overcome by keeping the small Buff Cochins for the express purpose of setting on the pheasant's eggs. They are especially adapted to do this, for they are small and of light weight, and their legs are covered with a thick down which makes them warm comfortable mothers for their adopted brood.

The process of incubation occupies from twenty-two to twenty-six days, and when the little chicks are first hatched, the greatest care has to be taken that they shall be kept in a dry place. Dampness is fatal to them. They are kept under cover for the first week, and are fed three times a day on egg custard. The amount that is given to them has to be carefully measured, for they are very delicate, and overfeeding has a most disastrous effect. After this their food for a time consists of bread crumbs and boiled barley that has been cooked slowly. From this they are gradually led up to the natural diet of the full grown bird, which is grain and greens and insects. They require a run where they can scratch, and they must have a shelter from the rain. In short, the pheasant in cap-

tivity should be treated as nearly as possible as if he were still in a wild state. The flesh is delicious eating

tively little is known about their habits. But new varieties are constantly being imported and the different species are being hybridized with one another, always developing new features. On one pheasant farm in the East, there are no less than thirty-eight varieties, outside of the hybrids. Interest in the raising of the pheasant is rapidly increasing for they appeal both to the esthetic and to the practical side of man. If raised merely for fancy's sake, they add a great beauty to one's home; and by the epicure, some of the species, more particularly the Torguatus, are considered the finest game birds, their flavor being practically unequalled. One is reminded just here of Sidney Smith's panegyric of the pheasant. On receiving a present of one from his friend, Canon Berham, he said, "If there is a pure and elevated pleasure in the world, it is that of roast pheasant and bread sauce. Barn fowls for dissentors, but for the real churchmen, the thirty-nine articulated clerk, the pheasant the pheasant!" It is surely a dish for the gods. The raising of the birds for market will become a source of industry later and will be a profitable addition to the "poultry" column.



Breeding Cages for Pheasants

Each cage contains a cock and three hens. This prevents loss as the males are very quarrelsome when kept in the same pen

though better when the bird is shot in his native haunts.

Such a short time has elapsed since the first importation of these birds into this country that compara-

ET'S GO a fishin', Liza."

This astounding proposal burst from the lips of Jacob Witherbee, as he threw down an armful of wood in the kitchen wood box.

"Well, would you hear that? Ef it wasn't that I never knew a Witherbee to go wrong in the head, I should call ye clean crazy. Jest ter be thinkin' of goin' a fishin' when in fifteen days we shall hev no roof over our heads an' no place ter stay. It would seem ye'd be a thinkin' of somethin' else than goin' a fishin'," said Mrs. Witherbee, in a tone of undisguised scorn.

The old man rubbed his hands together nervously. His lips and chin quivered perceptibly under his iron gray beard, which had grown long on the sides and short in the center, shaped like a swallow's tail.

"I fail ter see why it ain't jest as well ter go a fishin'," continued Jacob. "We're bound ter lose the old home anyway fer all that I can see. I've tried ter do the best I could, but I can't git out an' work by the day, an' the vegetables an' things bring in jest enough ter keep us an' pay the taxes and interest. I'd do anything I could, Liza, ter save our home, but there don't seem ter be much I can do."

"There ye go, Jake," said Liza, "jest as if I was a findin' fault with ye. Ye've been a lovin' companion ter me all these years, an' hev always done the best ye knew, an' if the government would give ye the pension ye earned, ye could pay the mortgage an' live comfortable. After servin' clean through the war, an' havin' yer shoe soles hot off, an' yer spine nearly broke from a whack across the back with a sabre, an' two bullets clear through yer body, it seems as ef yer country ought ter do somethin' fer ye. How did yer know they would want ye to hev a paper sayin' ye was honorably discharged? Pears as though they ought to know somethin' about it themselves, instead o' relyin' entirely on a piece o' paper, that any one could get that hadn't served half as long as you. After bein' in thirty reg'lar engagements an' fightin' yer way all through the South, ef they had jest told ye that all that counted fer nothin' unless ye hed yer discharge, ye might hev dragged yer starved, bullet riddled body a few miles further an' got it."

"Well, Liza, I fought fer the old flag, and I'm glad I helped ter free the black folks, an' to keep the old ship of state tergether instead of hevin' her parted in the middle, but now I want ter go a fishin'. I want ter fergit everything an' feel the sun a beatin' down on my lame back an' hear the swish-swash of the water aroun' the boat, an' spit on my bait an' throw it off as fer as I can, an' feel the tug when the old big feller swallows down my hook, an' then jest pull in easy 'till he gits in the boat an' goes kerflip, kerflop, flip flop. Come Liza, do let's go fishin', jest this once away."

Liza could not find it in her heart to deny this appeal, but she did not wish to appear to be yielding too easy assent, so she said, "Well, supposin' I agree to his crazy plan, how are we to go, fer there's nothin' but that open wagon that has been used fer cartin' vegetables these twenty years, an' the sun is beatin' down enough to blister the front steps an' it's only half past six. By noon it'll bake us."

"But you jest listen," said Jacob, "there is the wagon that Jim Snyder used to carry ice cream to town in. It has a good cover an' I don't care ef it ain't as stylish as some, an' what ef it does say 'Ice Cream' in big letters on the outside? We don't have to peddle ice cream jest cause our

A Fishing Episode

By Mary L. Dann

A Story in Two Parts

sign is out. The cover'll keep the sun off and Duster can draw us nice as a pin."

"If there's no other way to pacify ye but to go a fishin', I expect I shall hev to humor ye," replied Liza, with a half smile lighting up her tired face.

Jacob went hurriedly across the road to solicit the loan of the ice cream wagon, and soon returned drawing it triumphantly after him. He then took a battered spade from a nail in the wood-shed and went to dig some bait. Liza returned to the kitchen to prepare the lunch. She buttered large slices of her delicious home-made bread, placed a can of strawberries in the basket and wiped away a tear as she thought that never again would they pick the strawberries in the beloved old garden. Other hands than theirs would attend to that duty another year. A sack of potatoes and a two-quart can of milk she added to the bili of fare, and then went into the bedroom to change her dress. When she returned she was arrayed in a print gown, faded and patched, but spotlessly clean! As she tied her gingham apron around her waist, Jacob appeared in the doorway, his face fairly radiant.

"Them worms," he declared, "are so fat they would give a bullhead heartburn an' risin' on the stummick. Guess I'll hev to squirt a little pepper-sass over 'em 'fore I pass 'em 'round on the hook."

Liza sniffed contemptuously, for she was still inclined to regard the trip as a wholly unwarranted extravagance, but, catching something of Jacob's almost childish elation, she commenced to laugh and a suspicion of pink crept into her faded cheeks.

"Gracious Liza," ejaculated Jacob, "ye're growin' hansom by the minit. I haint seen ye look so well in ten years. If any of them theatre fellers should happen along they'd want ye to go play actin' on the

stage. But I never could stand ter see the villain in the play tryin' ter kiss ye, so I'll jest kiss ye myself."

Jacob suited the action to the word and Liza re-totered, as she gave him a playful slap across the cheek, "Ye're gittin' simpler every day ye live. I hope ye won't continue this right along, fer I'd awfully hate to hev to put ye in the fool school."

Jacob went out to finish his preparations and soon Duster, the old horse which had done duty on the farm for many years, was harnessed to the ice-cream wagon. Truly, the combination was a ludicrous one! Duster, in color half way between that of a Jersey cow and a ground mole, with his turned in toes and sprung knees, seemed quite in keeping with the twisted top and dished wheels of the old wagon. For the second time that morning the color mounted to Liza's cheeks, as she climbed into the queer looking vehicle. Her naturally proud spirit rebelled against all the embarrassments of their poverty, but she swallowed her pride at the sight of Jacob's beaming face and smothered the sarcastic remark she was about to make at the appearance of the conveyance.

Jacob loaded in the fishing tackle and lunch box, then climbed to the seat beside Liza. As they drove out of the yard, a shadow crossed the face of each. They looked back at the little wood-colored house that had so long been their home. It was sadly in need of repairs and paint. The little barn, which sheltered Duster and the cow, was fast going to decay, and a general rundown appearance pervaded everything.

Since returning from the war, Jacob Witherbee had never been well, but he had managed to save enough money during his services as a soldier to make a small payment on this thirty acre farm, and from that time they had lived on the place, raising vegetables and selling a little butter, poultry and eggs. In this way, they had managed to live and keep up the interest on the mortgage of a thousand dollars.

But for two years Fate had frowned upon them. Jacob had been sick and there had been doctor's bills; the seasons had been cold and backward and their vegetables had not grown as well as usual. They were unable to pay their interest and the mortgagee had decided that, since the mortgage was long overdue, he could grant no longer extension and had foreclosed the mortgage and in fifteen days the time would expire and they must move off. Duster and the cow and chickens would have to be sold. They could see nothing ahead of them but poverty and, eventually, an appeal to the poor commissioner.

Jacob had served all through the war and had been in the thickest of the fight, but when he came home, instead of accompanying his regiment to their destination, there to receive his discharge, when they arrived at Sunville, his little home station he could not resist the overwhelming desire to again hold Liza to his heart, so he dropped from the train before it had hardly slowed down and hurried away. His comrades called after him, but he did not hear or heed them. He had, therefore, never received his discharge, and though he had made application for a pension many years ago, none had ever been granted him. This childless couple had no near relatives able to assist them financially, and their future seemed anything but prosperous.

Jacob, feeling that he must not allow this threatening cloud of trouble to throw its pall over their one happy day, brandished his crackerless whip over the back

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"Jacob steadied it as well as he could."

BUELL HAMPTON

A Powerful Tale of the Great Southwest with Love, Surprises and a Mystery

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

[This story was commenced in the November number. The following is the synopsis of preceding chapters:

Mrs. J. Bruce-Horton, wife of a cattle baron and Mrs. Lyman Osborn, wife of a banker, whose homes were at Meade, Kansas, were at Lake Geneva, a fashionable resort near Chicago. They had been to England to accompany home Ethel, the nineteen year old daughter of Mrs. Horton, who had spent four years in a London school. Being taken ill in Chicago, Mrs. Horton had called Dr. Redfield, who advised this rest at Lake Geneva, where he had been long in attendance. Ethel and Redfield had been mutually attracted, and he had already been moved to declare his love. This was evidently reciprocated, though Ethel had given no pledge, expressing a desire to talk with her father first. This was all unknown to the mother, though the attraction was in a measure suspected. Mrs. Horton was determined her daughter should marry a foreign title, and had been delighted to find that Lady Avondale of England, and her son, Dr. Lenox Avondale, were stopping at the same hotel. Dr. Avondale had good prospects through the illness and probable early death of his brother, of becoming Lord Avondale, but the estates were impoverished and this trip to this country had really been made for the purpose of finding some American heiress for his wife. Mrs. Horton had made known the fine prospects of her daughter in regard to money, and the mothers without definite agreement, had come to a good understanding. But with the frequent visits of Dr. Redfield the intimacy between himself and Ethel progressed so fast, that at last he declared his love, and was bidden to hope. Ethel's mother however took alarm at the signs of an attachment between the young American doctor and her daughter, and started for Meade, their home, and a typical western town. Curiously enough just a few days later Hugh Stanton, the most intimate friend of Dr. Redfield, also arrived in Meade where he entered into business relations with Captain Osborn, the husband of Mrs. Horton's constant companion and advisor.

CHAPTER VI

MAJOR BUELL HAMPTON

MAJOR BUELL HAMPTON, editor and proprietor of the *Patriot*, called at the bank one morning and was introduced to Hugh by Captain Osborn.

"I am indeed delighted," said the major, as he extended his hand, "to meet any one who is Captain Osborn's friend. The captain and I were both for humanity during the late unpleasantness, acting our parts, however, in different ways; and now we are neighbors and friends, both believing in the same government and respecting the same flag, although I must say we offer up our devotions at different political shrines."

The major laughed good-naturedly, when Captain Osborn said, "Yes, we believe in the same government, but we have different professions of faith."

The major was an exceptional specimen of manhood. He was six feet two inches tall, straight as an Indian, splendidly proportioned, and weighed, perhaps, two hundred and forty pounds. His broad-brimmed slouch hat was suggestive at once of the South.

On the silk lapel of his Prince Albert coat was a dainty carnation *boutonniere*. This little flower was in keeping with the tenderness of the man's heart. A heavy gold chain, with many a link, encircled his neck as a watch-guard. To those who knew him best, this chain was symbolic of his endless donations to the poor. Like the chain, his charities seemed linked together—without a beginning, without an end. His carefully polished shoes and neatly arranged necktie denoted refinement and good taste. These outward evidences of genteel breeding were not offensive to the poor, but, rather, inspired them with confidence and courage to accept alms from this man. His long, dark hair and flowing mustache were streaked with gray, his nose was large, his forehead knotted, and the wrinkled lines of his face were noticeable,—strong, deep-cut. There was a thoughtfulness, a gentleness, a kindness beaming from his gray eyes and from every lineament of his rugged face, and, indeed, from every motion of his powerful frame, that forced a conviction into the heart that here was one upon whom God had set his seal of greatness—of goodness.

There were times, however, when in deep meditation, that his eyes seemed resting afar off on some unraveled future. An observer might fancy that a cloud had obscured the radiance of his soul, leaving in its stead only dissolving shadows of sadness. Then the lines of his face would deepen and his soul would seem far away on some errand of mercy. It was in such moods that he became patriarchal in appearance, and the observer might well have exclaimed, "Here is one over whom an hundred winters have blown their fierce north winds," but, when he turned again, with his inspiring smile of benevolence, to answer perhaps the simplest question of the simplest questioner, few would have judged him to have seen more than half a century. At such times the soul-light seemed illuminating his classic yet gentle face with kindly interest for the little things of earth and his years would then

have been reckoned by summers and south winds—not by hoary winters.

"By the way" said the major, turning to Hugh, "what is your political belief?"

"I am a Republican," replied Hugh, "but I trust, though differing politically, that our social relations may be most pleasant."

"Thank you," replied the major with urbane courtesy, "I share your wishes, but I may as well tell you now, as later, that the Republican party is bound to be snowed under, root and branch, in our local election this fall."

"That remains to be seen," interposed Captain Osborn, smiling. "The game of politics is never out until the returns are all in."

"That's all true, Captain," replied the major, but if your Republican soul does not languish in utter despair when the returns are all in, then I shall have labored in vain. The *Patriot* goes to every nook and corner of the county, and I fancy it is like 'bread cast upon the waters', or 'sowing seeds of wisdom'—results of a satisfactory nature are sure to follow."

"I presume," said Hugh, "that Captain Osborn is a Republican because he believes that the better class of Northerners adhere to that party, and on the other

hand, Major, you are a Democrat because no respectable Southerner could live in the South and not be a Democrat."

"That's well put, young man," said the major, looking kindly at Hugh, "the only fallacy in your deduction is that I am not a Democrat, although I voted that ticket for many years in Kentucky. Politically, I am supposed to be a Populist; in truth I am a Reformist. However, Mr. Stanton, I will not intrude my political faith upon you at our first meeting. I am sincerely delighted to have met you; and in some way I have an impression that we shall become great friends. Do you love music?"

"Passionately fond of it," replied Hugh, "but, unfortunately, I cannot play even a jew's-harp."

"A soul without a language," said the major, as he looked benignly at Hugh. "Internal rhythm and melody that move us with their invisible touch, and then die away like a song on the night wind—into silence—when one is unable to express the emotions that stir the inmost soul. Yes, I believe I understand you."

Hugh looked at the major in amazed surprise. "Yes," said he, "I believe you do. I do believe you understand my feelings even better than I do myself."

"Now I am sure we are to be friends," said the major laughing. "Come and see me often. The latch-string hangs on the outside of my house, while my door at the *Patriot* office has an easy chair awaiting you at all times."

When Major Hampton had taken his departure Captain Osborn observed, "Well, Hugh, did I not tell you that he was a cultured gentleman? How do you like him?"

"Why, Captain," replied Hugh, "he is a revelation to me. I am drawn to him as steel to a magnet. What a physique! What a noble face, so full of rare intelligence, sympathy, and tenderness! Really, Captain, the major is one of the most perfect specimens of physical and intellectual manhood that it has ever been my pleasure to meet."

"Very true," replied Captain Osborn. "Yet, in one way, he is quite an enigma. Formerly a Kentucky Democrat—now a Populist of the most ultra type, an organizer of the Farmers' Alliance, and the founder of a secret society among them known as the 'Barley Hullers.' It seems incongruous to me that he should entertain and champion such political heresies."

"You may be unduly prejudiced, Captain," said Hugh.

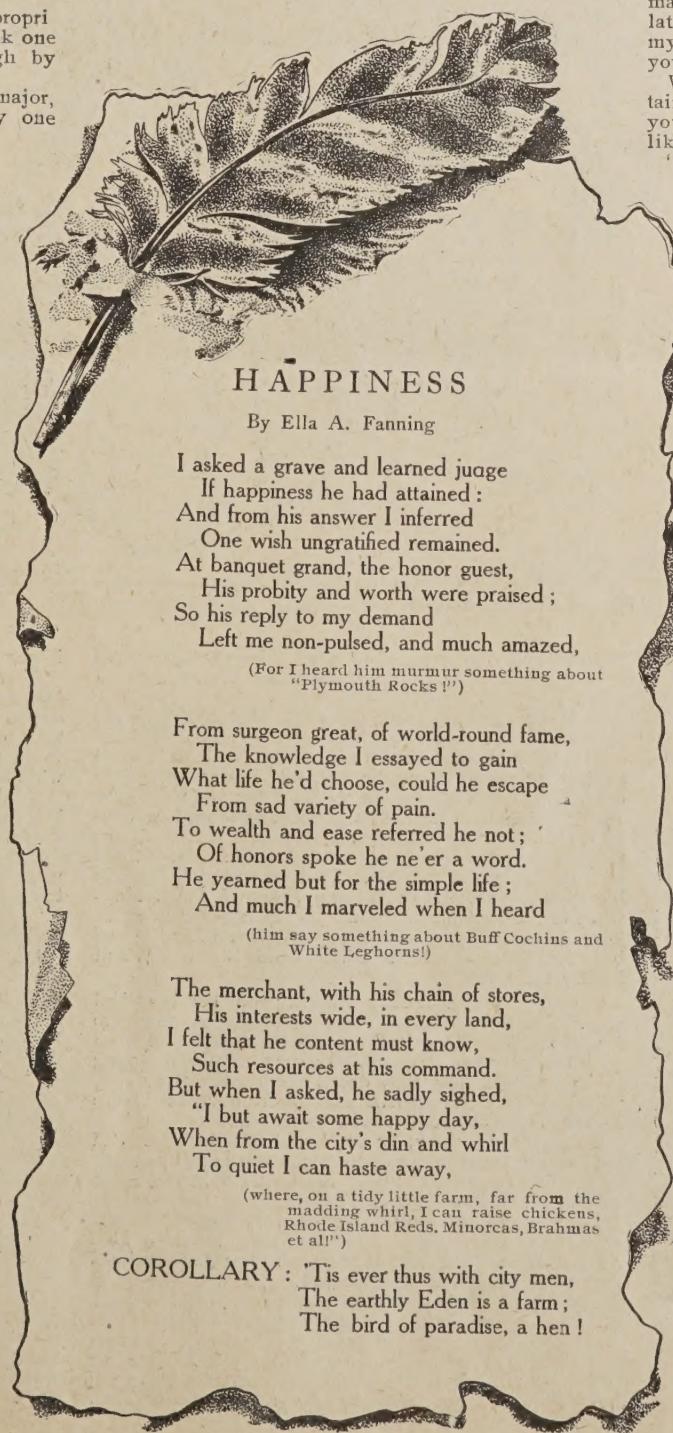
"Well, possibly I am," replied the captain, "one thing is certain, however, I am not a politician, and I manage, on account of our banking interests, to keep my views pretty close at home. At the same time, Stanton, an old, grizzled veteran like myself, who fought for four years for the preservation of the Union, is liable to be rather set in his political opinions."

"While I do not agree with Major Hampton politically," observed Hugh, "yet otherwise I am very favorably impressed with him."

"That's right," said Captain Osborn, "so am I. He is an amiable gentleman, always dresses immaculately, as you saw him this morning, and is noted far and wide for his deeds of charity and his kindness among the poor. If any are sick within twenty miles of Meade, Major Hampton knows all about it. He visits them, and takes care that they are properly provided with medical aid. He is a warm supporter of the Ladies' Aid Society, and contributes most liberally to the different churches, although he evinces no preference for any particular creed. Indeed, he is quite popular, and, between ourselves, Hugh, I should not be a bit surprised if he told the truth about snowing us under at the polls this fall. You see the 'Barley Hullers' is a secret organization, and, therefore, an unknown quantity, and I have no doubt that the major will control it at the coming election, to a man."

After banking hours that evening, Hugh called at the *Patriot* office. "Come in, Mr. Stanton," cried the major, in most hospitable tones, as he ushered him into his own private "den." Its moquette carpet, easy chairs, Turkish divan, beautiful pictures, and shelves well filled with books—all combined to make this little editorial "den" one of surprising elegance. The major had laid aside his Prince Albert coat for a smoking jacket.

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COROLLARY: 'Tis ever thus with city men,
The earthly Eden is a farm;
The bird of paradise, a hen!

The Wonderful Bag and What Was in It

A Series of Stories for the Girls about Real Fairies

PUNCTUALLY, on the following Saturday afternoon, all assembled in Aunt Hester's bright kitchen, Edith in a state of great excitement, her parcel in her hand. As soon as Aunt Hester declared that the time had come to open it, she tore off the silver paper in breathless haste, and screamed with delight on beholding a tiny flagon, platter, and loom, made of burnished steel and cherry wood. "How lovely!" she cried, showing them to all the others.

"There is still something in the bundle," said Aunt Hester, as she drew forth a neatly folded paper that Edith had overlooked. "A story—a story—I bet!" exclaimed Wilfrid.

"Right," said Aunt Hester "and if you will all be quiet I will read you the story of

"The Magic Maids"

Once upon a time there lived a king, who ruled over a country far beyond the seas, and who was very cruel to his people. He made them pay heavy taxes; he took from them whatever he had that he wanted; he ruined their fields by hunting in them, and laughed at their complaints and entreaties. The people's patience was worn out, and they lost all heart; it did not seem worth while to try and have anything pretty and pleasant about them, for, sure as they did, the king would lay hands on it. They did not know whom to ask to help them, for the King was feared by all the neighboring rulers, and there seemed to be nothing left for them but to submit.

Dame Agatha, though, felt that she could not help making some effort, and always would try and have something bright, even if it was only a little flower about her. She remembered having read when she was young, in a book her mother had owned, of wise sayings and good advice that the Fairy King, if people only had faith in him and really asked his aid, would lend an ear to their complaints if they were just, and try to help them.

Now Dame Agatha thought what she might do to incline the king to hear her complaints; and as she happened one day to be brewing some fine beer, she thought, "Now I will make one flagon extra fine, and put it in the garden in the moonlight, and pray to the king, and perhaps something will come of it." So she did as she thought, put the beer in the last of her five flagons, put it in the garden and then said:—

"Fairy King, I pray to thee
To free us from our misery;
For in truth our King Severus
Doth most cruelly abuse us.
Oh! if thou wilt prove our friend,
We will praise thee without end!"

She then went indoors, carefully closing the door and window, for she remembered that the fairies did not like having mortals spying at them, and, going to bed, slept soundly until morning. As soon as it was day she arose, and when dressed hurried to the garden; there, under the rose-bush, she saw the flagon; but when she took it, lo! it was empty, but on it lay a tiny white scroll, on which was written the word "Hope."

"Well," said Agatha, somebody has been here, that is evident, and I will 'hope'; at any rate it will do no harm, and may do good." All that day she went joyfully about her work, and the neighbors wondered why Agatha was always singing; but she told no one her secret, for, as she wisely thought, they might laugh, and ask what had really happened to cheer her, except that a flagon of her best beer had been drunk by somebody. One or two days passed by, and nothing happened, and Agatha determined to try again to secure the aid of the King of the Fairies. This was her baking day and she made a particularly nice white cake, such as only she could make, and, when night came put it in the last of her fine wedding platters, placed it in the garden in the bright moonlight, under the rose-bush, and said:—

"Fairy King, I pray to thee
To free us from our misery;
For in truth our King Severus
Doth most cruelly abuse us.
Oh! if thou wilt prove our friend,
We will praise thee without end!"

She then went indoors, carefully closing the door and window, for she remembered that the fairies did not like having mortals spying at them, and, going to bed, slept soundly until morning. As soon as it was day, she arose, and when dressed hurried to the garden; there under the rose-bush she saw the platter; but when she took it up, lo! it was empty, but on it lay a tiny white scroll, on which was written the word "Patience."

"Well," said Agatha, "somebody has been here, that is evident, and I will have 'Patience' and 'Hope' too. At any rate, they will do me no harm and may do good."

She carried back into the house the empty platter, and placed it beside the flagon, and all day, while going about her work, she kept repeating to herself, "Hope and Patience"; and the neighbors wondered what Agatha was always talking about; but she told no one of the strange thing that had happened, for they might think her foolish to be cheerful by the loss of a nice cake. One or two days again passed by, and nothing happened, except that Agatha, if she began to feel down-hearted would repeat to herself,

enough even for a fairy's using,—fastened it securely on to the sheet, spread it on the grass in the bright moonlight, when night came, and said as before:—

"Fairy King, I pray to thee
To free us from our misery;
For in truth our King Severus
Doth most cruelly abuse us.
Oh! if thou wilt prove our friend,
We will praise thee without end!"

She then went indoors, carefully closing the door and window, for she remembered that fairies did not like having mortals spying at them, and, going to bed, slept soundly until morning. As soon as it was day she arose, and when dressed hurried to the garden; there on the grass lay the sheet, but the web was gone, and lo! where it had been, was a tiny scroll, on which was written the word, "Courage."

"Well" said Dame Agatha, "somebody has been here, that is evident, and I will take 'courage', and have 'patience', and 'hope' too; and at any rate they will do me no harm, and may do good."

She carried back the sheet into the house, carefully folded it and placed it beside the platter and the flagon, and all day, while going about her work, she would say to herself, "Take courage, Agatha; have patience and hope," and the neighbors wondered what Agatha was always talking about; but she told no one of the strange thing that had happened, for they would probably think her very foolish to lose a web in that way which she might have sold for enough to buy her a day's food.

Dame Agatha mourned sorely over the loss of her rose; she missed it many times a day, and when one or two days passed by without anything happening, she began to feel down-hearted, and though she still, said "Take courage, Agatha, have patience and hope,—three good things to have," yet it was hard to try and follow her unknown adviser's counsel.

One evening, after her work was done, and she had sadly set herself to smoothing over the place where the rose-bush had stood, she heard some one call, in a soft voice, "Dame Agatha, can you help me?" and, looking up, she saw, standing at the gate, a tall, pale woman, who led by the hand a young girl, while two others stood by her.

"I am a stranger here," continued the woman, "I have just come from babyland, and I would like to find shelter for the night, and also to leave one of these children with you, if you are willing, for a few days."

Now Dame Agatha's heart was large, though her house was a tiny one and her means small; so she answered, heartily:—"To be sure I will, neighbor, take you in and look after the child. You look weary; come right in. I have not much to offer, but what there is you are welcome to."

She led the way into the house, gave them what she had to eat and drink, and even gave up her own bed, cheerfully sleeping on the floor. Early in the morning the stranger said she must be on her way, but would gladly leave the child she had led by the hand, to stay a few days with Dame Agatha, adding:—

"She has been well brought up, Dame, and you will find she can brew fine beer; her name is Hope."

Dame Agatha started when she heard the name; but the woman had turned to the child, and, laying her hand on her head, slowly said:—

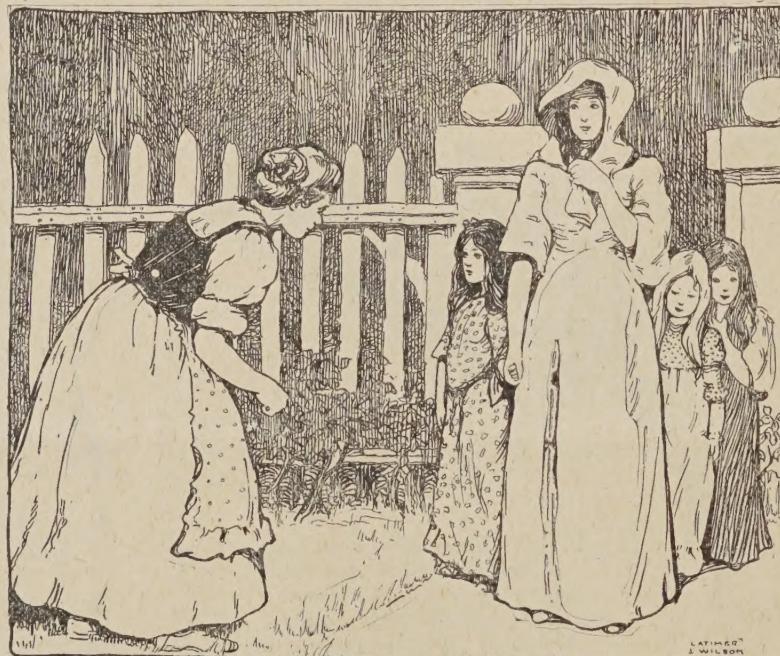
"Remember now, O daughter mine,
To well perform the work that's thine,
As thou a strict account must give,
And I no fault will thee forgive,
For thou hast had instructions clear,
Now, can I trust thee without fear?"

Raising her eyes and looking steadily in the woman's face, the child answered:—

"Fear thou not, dear mother mine,
I'll brew the beer both strong and fine;
All thy commands will gladly do,
And to thee faithful be, and true."

Then, declining to stay for any breakfast, but declaring she would get some elsewhere, the woman bade Hope farewell, and with the other two children started off. Dame Agatha watched them until they were out of sight, and then turned curiously to gaze upon her new assistant. Though small, and looking in size a child, she found on gazing, earnestly at her

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"She heard someone call, 'Dame Agatha can you help me?'"

Sister Anna's Old-Fashioned Bed

By Grace Willis

IT WAS an old-fashioned mahogany bedstead, built on a generous, antiquated pattern, as was everything else in the large, high-ceilinged room.

Mrs. Sarah, the last to arrive, stood before the dresser, coaxing her black pompadour to stand up, and she addressed her remarks to Mrs. Harriet who was waiting for her. Upon the bed, this late afternoon, laid five hats, five wraps, and one sleeping baby.

"Did you notice Adelaide's new hat? It must be that violet velvet one. Such a delicate thing for winter wear and in a smoky city, too! She's so sentimental; it's a wonder—with three children. But then, she has that capable sister of hers to look after the practical end of things. You'd imagine now that the violet one would belong to the bride, but she's such a mousey little thing; that quiet brown is hers."

Mrs. Harriet was inspecting the hats and tilting them on her hand. She laid them down and bent over the baby. "Sweet little thing," she murmured. "How good Adelaide's babies are! Look at him, Sarah. The darling! Are you ready?"

The company were gathered in the shabby music room below. A yellow-keyed, square piano filled one corner of the room; in faded, stuffed chairs drawn up in a semi-circle about the grate fire sat Father and Mother Bowen, Anna, the daughter at home, and the wives of three of "the boys." Howard, the youngest, had taken unto himself a wife but the month before, and the modest, brown-haired bride was listening much and saying little. "The boys" were all coming to supper.

Mrs. Adelaide, with light, fluffy hair and big, blue eyes, looked up as the two came in. "Was Harold asleep?" she asked.

"Yes, sound," returned Mrs. Sarah. Her black eyes were merry. "All your babies have been as good as gold, and have slept out their dutiful little naps on Sister Anna's bed, while we have visited down here."

Father Bowen moved his chair further from the fire to make room for the lively Mrs. Sarah, who laid her hand affectionately on his shoulder and inquired as to his health. After a moment she turned toward the rest of the group with visible animation in her face, and awaited her chance to speak. The others saw the look and stopped talking, lifting expectant faces.

Mrs. Sarah was easily the leader of the boys' wives; capable, practical, and warm-hearted, the wife of John, the eldest, and the first to come into the family by half a dozen years, the others willingly looked to her for advice and help. Mrs. Harriet was more economical and had assisted her husband in the accumulation of more wealth; Mrs. Adelaide was prettier and tastier in dressing herself and her children; Mrs. Katherine was more literary in her tastes; the little bride, Mrs. Alice, excelled in a number of accomplishments, being a talented musician; but Mrs. Sarah, while boasting of superiority in no one direction, was the acknowledged leader of all.

"John and I have made a discovery and have a plan to suggest," she announced, leaning forward on her elbows, her face glowing. "This old house and the neighborhood have seen their best days. It's getting so built-up down here and so smoky and dirty, that it is no longer a fit place to live, though it was once so aristocratic. The house is so big and old that Anna is wearing herself all out with the unnecessary work."

There was a general smile as each turned to look at the plump, comely Anna, whose face turned a rose-color under the frank gaze of the group.

"Hurry up, Sarah, we're anxious to know what's coming," prodded Mrs. Harriet.

"Well, John knows a man who would like to buy this site for a bakery, and there is a beautiful flat just vacated a block from us that would be just the thing!"

There was astonishment on all faces. The "girls" had discussed many times among themselves the shabbiness of the old house, wishing that the old folks would move into a more modern house, but no one had dreamed of actually proposing the change before. Now the dauntless Sarah had done the deed.

Father Bowen looked somewhat troubled and began,

gently, to raise objections, but they were all met by the now aroused and enthused daughters-in-law. Anna sat thinking and said nothing until she was questioned. "Wouldn't you be glad to have less work, Anna?"

"Why, yes; I've always thought I'd like to try housekeeping in one of those convenient flats, but I know it would be dreadfully hard for Father and Mother to change now." They had lived in the same house for thirty years, and thirty years in a growing city is a long time.

Adelaide looked rather pityingly and tenderly at the old folks. "It would be so nice to have you so near us. You are four miles away now. You don't think you would be homesick, do you?" she pleaded.

"Twould be like being torn up by the roots," answered Father Bowen, grimly, "but I've seen all along it was coming some day, and I suppose it might as well be now as any time. There's a good deal of heavy work in this old-fashioned house, and I'm not as young as I once was."

They turned to him, solicitously. "I'm afraid we have let you stay here too long as it is," cried Mrs. Sarah, her black eyes flashing. "It has been too much for you, and we ought to have seen it before, and insisted!"

"Well, that settles it, anyway," she added. "We can all go up tonight together and look it over. It will be gobbled soon if we don't take it; in fact, John got the refusal of it this morning. How do you think you would like it, Mother?"

Mother Bowen, as Adelaide said, was just like a "story-book grandmother." A bit of shirred black lace sat daintily on her thin, soft, white hair; her face was always sweet and serene, and her skin as fair as a child's. "It's just as Father says," she said in her low voice, that had never lost its Scotch quaintness. She was very dependent on her husband and children.

Tongues wagged busily. "Where would we have reunions?" asked the little bride, modestly. She had looked forward for a year to really being a part of the jolly gatherings in the roomy old house. Occasionally, when in the city, she had taken part in them before her marriage.

"Well, of course the flat is small," admitted Sarah. "Ours is a little larger."

"Our new house will be ready soon," offered Harriet. The contrast between the jealously-guarded elegance of Mrs. Harriett's new house and the hospitable plainness of the old homestead was mentally pictured by each, and the conclusions drawn were not favorable to the change.

"Of course, we should be glad—" ventured the bride, but they all laughed, and she did not finish her sentence. They were keeping house in three rooms,

"How many rooms are there in this wonderful flat?" asked Katherine.

"Seven," answered Sarah.

"Mercy!" gasped Adelaide. "And after having thirteen! They'd have to sell half their furniture, and of course, we never could stay over night any-

more!" The sentence ended almost in a wail. Adelaide certainly was sentimental.

The subject was still being warmly discussed when the boys began to arrive, and the hubbub was not lessened. Anna had disappeared to get the supper, and Adelaide had slipped out to the spacious kitchen to help her.

"I shouldn't think you would really want to leave your old home. It's rather selfish of us, I think," Adelaide ventured.

"Oh, no, I would be glad to make the change. It's so dirty down here and lonely, too. It would be like doll's play to keep house in a new, clean flat in a new, clean neighborhood."

"You'll think it's a doll house, too, I'm afraid. It will be dreadfully boxed up, after this, Anna."

"Well, I am willing to try it, anyway," and Anna laughed.

When they had all gotten into the flat that night and shut the door behind them, they looked at each other and laughed. "Pardon me, I didn't mean to step on your toes." "Dear me, aren't we just falling over each other!" But they admired it greatly for all that. Adelaide had stopped at home on the way and had brought with her the other two children, Douglass and Minetta, leaving the baby with her sister. The children raced through the rooms in high glee.

"Oh, aren't the tintings beautiful!" exclaimed Katherine. "And the sunny south exposure! It's just the thing for you, Mother," and she slipped one arm around the placid-faced little Scotch woman.

"Now, see here," said Mrs. Sarah, who had headed the procession and finished the rounds first, her husband straggling somewhere in the rear, discussing rents and property with Father Bowen, "there are only three bedrooms and you will certainly have to use one for a library. You never in the world could get all your books into either parlor, and I suppose this would have to be Sister Anna's bedroom, the bigger one for Father and Mother." As many as could get in squeezed into Sister Anna's prospective bedroom.

"Mercy!" exclaimed Adelaide, "You never could get all your old furniture in here, Anna."

"I'll buy it," said Harriet.

"You will have to have a couch," suggested Katherine. "You won't have room for anything else with a bed in here."

"I'm willing," answered Anna, smilingly. So they settled it, and when they left that night, John had instructions to engage the flat of the agent.

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The doorbell rang incessantly. The boys and their wives seemed all to be arriving at once for the house-warming. Every room in the new flat was brightly lighted. An upright replaced the old square piano, and Alice was playing softly, her husband standing over her, affectionately. There had been much pleasurable excitement in the refurnishing, and Father and Mother Bowen beamed. "I don't believe they are going to be homesick at all," said Harriet to her husband. "Look at them! And Anna is so pleased, even with her tiny bedroom."

Sarah moved about eagerly from one room to another, proud to have been responsible for such a successful move. "Everybody is so pleased," she stopped to say to the bride's husband, "unless it is Adelaide. She's so sentimental, I never know just how she is going to take things. Where is she? Hasn't she come yet?"

"Just came," answered the bride, over her shoulder, as her fingers played on. "I heard her say at the door that the baby wouldn't get to sleep, so she had brought him, but that he had fallen asleep on the way."

Sarah moved about once more, admiring the new rugs and curtains, and complimenting the old folks on their youthful appearance.

"Why, where is Adelaide?" she exclaimed, later, and went straight to Anna's room.

It seemed deserted; the couch was piled with furs and wraps and hats. Harriet's new fur coat was spread out over the new rocking chair. Sarah was about to turn away when she heard a little sob from the corner behind the chair.

On a little green-figured shirtwaist box sat Adelaide,

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THE FORSYTHIA A Herald of Spring

By Florence Beckwith

To China and Japan we are indebted for a large number of beautiful plants and shrubs, but among them all none has added more to the attractiveness of our gardens and lawns than the Forsythia, both on account of its early blooming and its abundance of golden blossoms.

To old and young alike the flowers of early spring seem the most attractive of the year, and the Forsythia, or Golden Bell, one of the very first shrubs to blossom is ever warmly greeted. Its bright, golden blossoms which cover with profusion the branches before any leaves appear, make it a striking plant in the early spring, lighting up the lawn or the shrubby border like gleams of concentrated sunshine.

The pendulous, butterfly-looking flowers are scattered thickly along the branches of the previous season's growth. A day or two of warm sunshine in April brings the flowers out, and though the bush is bare of leaves, the blossoms cover it so thickly that one does not miss them. A background is not necessary to display the beauty of these masses of bright yellow flowers.

In New England the Forsythia is called the "Sunshine Bush," and this is truly a very apt title, for it seems to concentrate all the golden radiance of sunlight in its cheery blossoms, and make it a fit harbinger of brighter days to come.

Just as the blossoms are withering, the leaves begin to appear. The foliage is clean and handsome and remains almost unchanged until late in the fall. It is remarkably free from insects and fungous growths.

The habit of the bush is graceful. It should only be trimmed immediately after flowering, or not later than June as the blossoms are produced directly on the wood made the preceding summer. If you trim in the spring, before flowering, you destroy the blossoms for that year. Do not, of all things, shear the shrub or trim it into a compact mass, for its beauty is in its abundance of early spring bloom. Let the pendulous branches droop gracefully. It is usually unnecessary to trim more than to cut off the old wood, or occasionally pinch back the young shoots to preserve a symmetrical shape to the bush.

Two bushes, growing not far apart in city yards, show what beauty dwells in a shrub allowed to grow almost as nature inclines, and how all symmetry can be destroyed and blossoms reduced to minimum by cruel butchering. All the airy grace of the sweeping yellow branches is lost when the bush is trimmed into stiff, formal shape.

Though this early and free-flowering shrub is admirable for growing in the hardy shrubby border, a bush grown by itself where it can have a full and free development will make a beautiful feature on the lawn. It is only where it has an abundance of room that it can develop its full beauty and display its gracefulness. The drooping young branches have a tendency to root where they touch the earth. A showy bed can be made by pegging down the branches so as to cover the ground, and then allowing the plants to grow at will afterwards. In this way quite a thicket can be formed, which, when covered with blossoms, produces a very pleasing effect.

The Forsythia will flourish in almost any kind of garden soil, and it can be very easily propagated. Early in November cut some of the previous season's growth into lengths eight or ten inches long, hill these in deeply in a protected place and cover during hard freezing weather with coarse litter or leaves. When rooted, in the spring, they can be transferred wherever desired.

Though I had long admired the Forsythia as a very hardy, early-blooming shrub; it was only accidentally that I found it was a fine subject for forcing. A friend cut for me some branches of various early-flowering shrubs, with which I designed to experiment. Among them were some branches of Forsythia, which I cut into different lengths and put into water with the cuttings of the other shrubs. They were all

put into one glass the last day of January and the vase set in a northeast window in a moderately warm room. No extra care was given them, no warm water supplied as is sometimes done to hasten flowering. I simply kept a sufficient quantity of water in the glass.

In eight days the Forsythia buds began to show color and in exactly two weeks from the day the branches were put into water the blossoms were fully out. The color was as bright and the blossoms nearly, if not quite, as large as if the flowers had opened out of doors. Some of the twigs were of the preceding year's growth, and others were of older wood. The flowers on the latter bloomed first, but the blossoms on the younger twigs, though more scattering, were larger and lasted longer. I would advise cutting mostly old branches for forcing, on account of the greater abundance of blossoms, but the young, drooping branches are very graceful and one needs some of them.

The quickness with which the flowers come out was a surprise, and the size and bright color of the blossoms

remove part of the top soil, replacing with very rich earth. Either way produces nice flowers in abundance if the plant is kept well moistened at the roots, but this is a twice-a-day job during windy, hot weather, unless rains are of every day occurrence, as the vessel soon gets so full of roots that but little water can be given at a time.

A lady this fall told me she always set her plants in the yard late in the spring. She said they were kept watered much more easily and the blossoms lasted longer than on potted specimens if the plants were bedded in a partially shaded location.

In the fall they are taken from the ground and replaced in the vessel, then removed to the cellar or the plant room, just as was most convenient. It is a plan that I mean to try next summer, placing the plants on the north or east side of the yard.

When the plants are brought from winter quarters next spring, at repotting or bedding out time, cut them back several inches below the last blooms. At each place where they were cut back, three prongs will branch out, and at each prong there will be a large bunch of bloom.

Where one begins in time they will have a beautiful, branching plant, that when in bloom will be a huge bunch of blossoms. They are much nicer than the long slim plants so often seen and will have more than twice as many blossoms. Use soapsuds for the scale or aphid; if applied persistently they will be routed.

Making a Specialty of One Species of Plants

By Mrs. Jane B. Wing

Instead of a miscellaneous collection of plants in my windows this winter, I have confined myself to geraniums. Growing them from seed during the summer months, by the time cool weather approached they were nice stocky plants, budded to bloom. No plants could be freer from insect pests, none more generous of flowers in variety. By spring they will nicely fill a round bed in front of kitchen and dining-room, be full of beauty all summer and by fall, too large for the bay window, will be consigned to the cellar.

I am studying for the best collection of all, one species, that will take their place next winter. I do wish each of my friends would do the same out doors and in—to a great extent; then there would be such an interest in studying their grounds. One of our neighbors, formerly a Boston man, glorified his grounds, last summer, with sweet Williams. They stood prim and sweet, all of a height, in straight rows from front gate to the house, on each side of the path, parted near the house and wandered around the building, out of sight. There was a great oval bed of them cut in the sod, and everybody who passed that way halted to admire.

Another neighbor devoted her space to pansies. A mixed border glowed like a jeweled mosaic. A round bed held white pansies; another, great yellow blooms. Low dishes first draped with small ferns—filled in with pausy blossoms—were on her tables and window ledges.

Mrs. Norton's grounds ran riot with sweet peas. They climbed the latticed verandas and the wire fences, displaying all colors and shades of color. I was not aware there were so many beautiful shades until after following my hostess from hedge to hedge. By a succession of plantings they came early and lasted till late.

I have always indulged in many varieties of plants in the back flower garden, but last summer the most satisfactory and interesting feature was a hedge all in yellow. Nasturtiums climbed the wire fence in the back ground; a great mass of golden glow occupied the central portion, and yellow zinnias, orange, and orange scarlet, and sulphur and orange marigolds gave a wealth of color. This hedge ran along the orchard view. And for an experiment, I planted groups of sunflower seeds in the orchard, not far away from the hedge; towering aloft,—so tropically—they enhanced the floral display wonderfully.



Forsythia or Golden Bell

soms as well. None of the other shrub cuttings showed signs of blooming when the Forsythia flowers opened out; the buds on a branch of cherry were just beginning to swell.

Between this first blooming of the Forsythia indoors and blossoming of the shrub out of doors, I twice filled my vases with branches, and each time was rewarded with a profusion of the bright blossoms in a little less than two weeks. When the last lot were in bloom, some branches of cherry which had been put into water about three weeks previous, were also in full flower, and the combination of the white and the yellow blossoms was very charming. Certainly nothing can be brighter, prettier, less trouble to bring into bloom or more satisfactory in every way for forcing than the Forsythia.

Oleanders

By Emma Clearwaters

The general rule for treating oleanders during the summer is to repot in a little larger vessel, or to

Roses in the Window Garden

By C. B. Horner

This winter I am going to try roses. I had one bush last winter, but do not know the name of it. It was a small bush, with pink roses, very double and very sweet, but not very large. The petals rolled themselves up like little pink pipes. It gave great satisfaction, the little bush having twenty-one roses. It stood in an east room window having no direct heat. Some of the very cold mornings it lay down as if wilted, but would lift itself up again, and go right on, sending out its new shoots and buds.

I have about a dozen now, for the coming winter, carefully selected, and feel interested and anxious to see what they will do for me. My one little bush has made me very enthusiastic. All of my roses, on the outside, froze last winter with the exception of Persia and Jacks. These were badly damaged. I never have given my roses any especial protection—never before had such an entire freeze. I find turning off the illuminating gas from the room and direct heat as well, gives my plants just what they like and they do thrive.

Letters from Our Friends

About twenty-five years ago I began buying seed of James Vick. I was fortunate in much of my floral work and finally became a regular contributor to the Magazine and a good friend of the firm. I wrote over the name "Hoosier" part of the time then at others signed my own name. Somewhere in the old files of the Magazine is an article on Amaryllis which accompanied a picture of a rustic stand of that plant. Mr. Vick was very enthusiastic about my article, as up to that time most amateurs were afraid to try bulbs of that kind. So far as Mr. Vick knew I was among the first to meet with such success. Even our old friend Rexford thought at that time that Amaryllis and bulbs of that kind were not for amateurs. For some years now I have not given that attention to plants and gardening that I once did but having laid down other duties it will now be my pleasure to "live" among my flowers again." I would like to submit a few thoughts to you occasionally and again join the Vick band. I am an all around house and homekeeper and have written for some of our best publications along that line—Pardon my taking too much of your time.

Yours Mrs. S. C. Hanell,
Brookville, Ind.

We shall be pleased to hear again from this old friend.

Caring for Christmas Gifts

Some flower lovers may have received plants for Christmas gifts, which they are anxious to keep growing, or at least alive, but they do not know how to care for them.

Plants which have been grown in greenhouses and forced into bloom for the holiday season do not, as a general thing, accommodate themselves very gracefully to the ordinary living room, so one should not grieve too sorely or blame one's self too much if they gradually wither and die. They have fulfilled their mission if they have given us pleasure for even a brief season, but it is natural for us to want to do all we can to prolong their beauty.

If flowering plants are carried into a cool room at night, it will tend to keep them fresh for a much longer period than if they are kept in a warm room.

Ardisia crenulata which has holly-like berries and thick, waxy, evergreen leaves will remain a thing of beauty for a year if properly managed. It should be kept in a room where the temperature is about 50° in winter, or else the berries will drop off. Tobacco water will keep off the scale insect, but rinse the leaves with clear water after applying it. Do not water too much.

The old-fashioned Jerusalem cherry will retain its fruit a long time if kept in a cool room. Later, water should be gradually withheld and the plant allowed to rest. In the spring cut it back and repot, when it will make a new growth and adorn a second Christmas.

Azaleas are so difficult to keep over that one must not set her affections too strongly on them. They should have plenty of water. It is a good plan to plunge the pot into a pail of warm water at least once a week, and at the same time spray or shower the leaves, particularly on the underside, to destroy any insects which may be troubling them. After flowering the plant will begin to make a new growth. The new shoots should be carefully pinched back to make a shapely bush for the next season, but this should not be done after July. In the spring set the plant in a shady place outside, or plunge the pot in the ground in a sheltered location, and take great care that the roots never become dry. The azalea does not often need repotting and a pot one size larger is generally all that is required. In the fall keep in a cool room but out of danger of frost. Most people prefer to arrange with a florist to take and care for their azaleas during the summer, returning them in season for blooming, and certainly they blossom much better than those kept at home and cared for by an amateur, or one not accustomed to caring for plants.

The pretty little heaths should be cut back after the blossoms have fallen, and about the first of February

they can be put in a cool cellar. In the spring plunge the pot in the ground. The heath will do with less water than the azalea, but should be sprinkled every morning. In the fall repot in soil composed of one part sand, one part leaf mold or good garden loam, and one part fine, well-rotted manure. This soil will do for azaleas, also. In the fall, when taken in, they should be given a sunny window, but not subjected to a great heat.

The Astilbe Japonica, or spirea, with its feathery white bloom, is one of the most beautiful of the Christmas flowers. Give it plenty of water while in bloom. After blooming it can be kept in the cellar, occasionally, giving it a little water, and in the spring it can be planted out in the ground where it will live for years.

Hyacinth, tulip, daffodil and crocus bulbs, after the blossoms have faded, can be put in the cellar until spring, then shake them out of the earth, put in paper bags and keep until beds are ready for fall planting. They will not do for a second forcing, but they will afford flowers for the garden.

January Calendar

If all these things have been properly attended to, you can leave your garden for two or three months, serene in the consciousness of duty well performed, and prepare to make the winter as pleasant as possible by attention to indoor plants, and plan for the lawn and garden for the coming year.

If from your windows no bright-berried shrubs are visible, note where such can be planted to advantage

life and growth. Most of us have noticed that plants grown in the kitchen window do best of all. That is because the teakettle keeps the air moist.

Geraniums, lantanas, heliotropes, and all plants fond of sunshine will do best in a south window. Begonias and primroses do well in an eastern one. Few flowering plants will thrive in a north window. The Chinese primrose, however, is an exception to this rule and will blossom constantly there. Ferns, palms and plants valued for foliage will also thrive in such window.

A west window is apt to be almost too sunshiny, especially toward spring, but if it can be partially shaded by vines or thin curtains, many plants will do well there. A little experimenting will settle the question of which window is the best for each individual cultivator of plants.

Lumps of charcoal in the bottom of pots not only facilitate drainage but they keep the soil sweet and pure. Pulverized and mixed with the soil they act as a fertilizer and impart strength to the plant and beauty of coloring to both leaves and flowers.

Keep your palms free from dust, either by sponging or syringing the leaves, or by dipping the plant, upside down, in soft soapy water, then rinsing it in clear water. Look out for the scale insect on the under side of the leaves along the midrib.

Don't bring hyacinths or other bulbs to the light until they have had time enough to make good root growth. A little patience will bring its reward in much finer flowers with proper length of stalk.

Some Practical Hints

By Mary T. Horner

Now that spring is almost at our doorsteps, most of us flower lovers are beginning to think of what we shall have in our floral kingdom this year. Indeed I have thought of the spring work all winter, and especially, since, through a complete surprise, my treasured house-plants were nipped by master Jack Frost, at the first cold snap. Had I known he was lurking around I could have prevented his onslaught. But no! after a lovely day in early December before we were expecting him he must needs pinch my thrifty pets and the poor maimed victims have been a silent reproach to me ever since. Among them was a very lovely Boston Fern—Alas! quite dead.

A great many amateur gardeners try to have fancy shaped beds. They are very pretty, when kept as they should be—but so many busy housewives have no time to prune and clip plants, so that a fancy shaped bed will look well. Those of simple shape will give quite as much satisfaction, and if you have hardly any time, yet dearly love flowers, cultivate plants that do not show if they are neglected a little. Do not set flowering plants too closely to those that have brilliant leaves.

Among plants with colored foliage, Coleus is among the most popular. For best results, Coleus Veruschkaefeltii, Coleus yellow-bird and Reita Kirkpatrick should be selected. Last summer when most of my plants were drooping from the intense heat, Coleus lifted their bright leaves and were a mass of brilliant beauty, a delight to every eye.

As for what we shall order of plants and seeds, each has her own individual taste. Do not forget some of the plain old fashioned flowers—Petunias, phlox, verbenas, etc., also some of the grand roses.

As to the house plants that we have cared for through all the long winter months—have they begun to brighten up? They know, at least they feel, when February comes, and with the debilitating heat of the coal or gas stoves or the hot air, they need extra help now to assist them to make strong healthy growth. Do not expect them to grow very rapidly; it is better that they are a little slow, they will make up for it when they get out into the air and sunshine. A plant lives on air and when deprived of it must adapt itself to the new condition. Water but little; if the leaves are bright and healthy, of good size and steadily growing leave the plant alone. If thin and scraggly with pale leaves and weak appearance give extra care, pet and coax. Give all plants plenty of air, sunshine and good light. No plants like dim musty rooms. They live on sunshine and air. We can learn a lesson from them. If your plants grow ungainly as many do, prune them but do not throw the ends of branches away. Instead root them in sand kept always moist or wet. They will grow if they have only half a chance. If you do not need them or wish to care for them, some one will want them. Give some to those too poor to buy, they will fill a noble mission. Plants, especially flowers are very humanizing—nay—more; they show us Divinity.

Keep the plants symmetrical; they will be so much prettier. Do not neglect to repot when necessary. No plant can do well in old soil from which all nutrient has been taken. They need food, the right kind and plenty of it.

After getting your house plants in order and attending to those in the cellar, fold your hands until time to prepare your beds, and later, in the warm spring days sow your seeds. Bring forth the plants you have nursed through the months of cold weather; take long draughts of nature's elixir, revel in the bright golden sunshine and feel thankful that you have health and strength enough to be among flowers.



Forsythia Coming into Bloom

and make choice of some to be set out early in the spring. The charm which bright-stemmed and bright-berried shrubs lend to the winter landscape, when seen in contrast to the snows of winter, is not appreciated as it should be. The birds which remain with us during the winter will appreciate the berries, too.

Look over your stock of potted bulbs and mark some to be devoted to gifts. Even if the plants were not in bloom at Christmas time, it will please an invalid friend or a "shut-in" to watch the development of buds and leaves.

Water plants thoroughly when the dirt begins to look and feel dry on top; then leave them until the soil again indicates dryness. Don't think they must be watered every day, and don't give all plants the same amount of water; some need much more than others.

Plants that seem to be standing still and resting will need no fertilizer and not much water. Those that are coming into bloom will generally be better for some plant food.

Don't fill your windows or conservatories too full of plants. A few fine, well-developed specimens will be more satisfactory and far more ornamental than a lot of spindly, sickly ones.

If the soil around your plants becomes crusted over, loosen it up with a table fork.

Keep the foliage of your plants clean by syringing or showering.

If you have reason to think that worms are working at the roots of your plants, dissolve a tablespoonful of mustard in a little water and pour it on the soil. It will have an immediate effect.

An application of limewater will bring angle worms to the surface. A copious dose will not hurt the plant and will the sooner dislodge the worms.

The atmosphere of most living rooms is too hot and dry for plants. If a basin of water is kept on the stove or radiator, the moisture rising from it will do much to make the conditions more favorable for plant

CHAPTER II

THE YOUNG BRAVE'S DARING

WHILE the men were eating (a sufficient number being left to keep watch and guard) in one of the dance halls, which was hastily impressed for the purpose, the herders of the N bar N outfit were questioned as to their knowledge of the Indians.

They reported that the redskins were in force and were coming rapidly in the direction of the town. That while they were guarding their stock, they were startled by the sudden appearance of an Indian near them, who yelled and waved his blanket, and finally succeeded in stampeding the animals. They started off at a gallop after the horses, and this solitary brave forthwith disappeared.

The stock stampeded but the herders stayed with them, riding full speed over all sorts of rough country. The Indians appeared at intervals in pursuit of them, and added to the confusion and danger by keeping up a running fire.

The herders said they were about to give up the attempt to keep their charges out of the savage's hands when they came in sight of the town. "Even then," said one of the men, called Singing Jim, "we couldn't have corralled the beasts if that youngster hadn't chased out to help us on a fresh horse, and a fast one at that."

"We'll have troubles yet," said the other herder, Calamity Jake he was called, because of his ability to see small black clouds of evil a great distance off. "Plenty of trouble, too, in the shape of Indians on the warpath. They were not far behind us when we reached these diggin's."

"What became of your wagons?" said Harry Hodson, a mouthful of beans interfering somewhat with his speech.

"Oh, I guess they're done for. Probably makin' light for the Indians to do a war dance by," remarked Singing Jim, cheerfully.

"I reckon not," said Mackenzie, who had appeared in time to hear the last; "they'll not show their location by making a big blaze like—"

"I heard a shot fired from over the hill," shouted Johnny, who stuck his head in at the door that moment.

"Maybe it's one of the pickets."

The men jumped up and made a rush for the door. The herder, Singing Jim, who was the last man out, exclaimed as he disappeared, "Well, if that kid ain't ubikkertus as the State's papers say!"

Several shots were now heard and then the pickets topped the rise and made a break down the slope to the town.

The enemy was close, but still invisible behind the ridge.

The men lay crouched behind their barricade, silent, alert, ready for what might come. The three pickets made their way back to the breast-works and reported that the advance guard had shown itself coming down a coulie half a mile away, and the main body, probably fifty strong, was straggling after when the pickets last looked back. A long night of vigil and hurried preparation had told on these watchers and they were anxious to begin the work and end the suspense. The short ten minutes which elapsed seemed ten hours. Then two Indians rode to the top of the ridge and looked down upon the preparations for their reception. They were a long rifle shot distant and the defenders had no ammunition to spare. Moreover, if unprovoked, the redskins might go without firing a shot. To tell the truth, however, especially when they saw the unlikelihood of making a successful assault, most of the little garrison were in the mood to feel disappointed if the attack ended so harmlessly.

"If those fellows are hard up for a fight," said Big Bill Smith, "maybe they'll tackle us; but I never saw an Indian yet that would ride a quarter of a mile in the open under fire even when he wanted something to eat,"—and Bill knew Indians.

"They won't leave us without tryin' us," said Casino. "You'll see if I ain't right."

Cattle Ranch to College

A Serial Story for Our Boys

Patience, Perseverance and Pluck Always Win

By Russell Doubleday

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A moment later two painted and befeathered savages appeared to the left, and rode full tilt along the hill-side in direct view of the camp, yelling and waving their blankets in derision: a tantalizing sight to the waiting men.

"Keep steady, there," called Mackenzie, sternly, as several rifles were raised. "There's no use shooting now; they're only trying to draw our fire and find out how strong we are. There'll be more presently. Wait for them."

A few minutes later half a dozen braves repeated the ruse. The flying figures, almost naked, being poor targets, the fire of the little garrison was still reserved. A dozen then made the run, one following the other, at regular intervals. More and more of the painted, yelling, gesticulating savages followed, dashing along the slope in single file and disappearing over the ridge to the right, until what was a short line became a procession.

Presently they began to creep down the hill, each rider advancing beyond the one preceding him, all yelling epithets of contempt as they came ever nearer the silent garrison.

This was the regular mode of Indian attack; it afforded them an opportunity to fire and yet gave their enemy a poor chance to do any damage.

A desultory firing began; each Indian letting go his reins, fired his rifle as best he could as he rushed past. The shooting was naturally bad, for there was no chance to take careful aim. If the savages planned, however, to draw the fire of the besieged and so determine their strength, the scheme failed, for not a shot was fired from the camp, though the provocation was great.

The rushing line came closer and closer. The colors of the war paint and fluttering feathers could now be plainly seen. It was within easy range, but still the fire was withheld. Each Indian had worked himself into the frenzy which is so necessary a part of a brave's courage.

As the distance was lessened, the savage's aim became better, and several bullets struck the wagons and the barricade. The situation began to be interesting; any shot might now reach its human target, and the temptation to return the fire was almost irresistible.

But the sheriff only said, "Not yet."

The bullets were striking freely and the yelling enemy were within easy revolver range.

At last Mackenzie, who showed signs of suppressed eagerness, said, just loud enough to be heard: "Boys, don't shoot when your man is opposite; wait till he has passed, then aim at his back and shoot straight. You can't hit him otherwise. Ready now. Fire!"

This was not a military company, but a band of frontiersmen, which a common danger united under the leadership of one man. The volley which followed, therefore, was not one of precision, for every man took his time and pulled the trigger when he was ready.

The Indians, anticipating a return fire, rode by at full speed, their bodies hugging their horses closely. They made difficult targets, so the first few shots did nothing more than kill and disable a horse or two; but soon the fire became more rapid and accurate. A big buck was seen to fall out of his saddle, another was thrown violently from a wounded horse, several were hit in arms and legs. The yelling diminished and the line moved further up the slope, scattering as it went.

As the file, now rather scattered, turned the ridge at

the right, firing as it moved, a young buck in full war regalia and mounted on a beautiful bay pony, bounded into view. He dashed out of the circle of Indians, and rode boldly down toward the white men, yelling defiance.

He was a young chief endeavoring to earn the approval of his tribe and the consequent advancement and influence, according to the custom of the Sioux.

Down the hill he came with a rush right into the thick of the fire, and yet, though the bullets whistled on all sides of him, he was unharmed. Nearer and nearer he drew, until he reached a point within two hundred yards of the white man's guns. Then he stopped, turned his pony half-way round and flourished his revolver derisively, yelling imprecations at the garrison the while. He then fired a shot which came so close to John, that he was sure he could feel the wind of it—the sound was unmistakable.

After this reckless feat, the young chief trotted slowly back to his own people, but kept his face always toward his enemies. The daring of the deed took both sides by surprise, and for a time hardly a shot was fired by white man or red. It was a tribute to the young brave's courage and bravado.

It would not do, however, to let him escape unharmed. Other warriors might be inspired to emulate the rash act, and if they took it into their heads to rush the stockade there would certainly be much loss of life.

The Indians now began firing again, covering as well as possible their comrade's retreat. Those behind the barricade also woke up.

"Shoot that fellow, boys," cried Big Bill. "He mustn't get away unhurt. We've got to discourage that sort of thing."

Every man aimed at the fleeing Indian, but still he rode with his face toward his foe, gesturing defiance. The feathers in his war-bonnet fluttered in the wind, and the quirt hung on his upraised right wrist swayed with the motion of his pony.

Of a sudden a single rifle spoke from the white man's intrenchments, and, in an instant, the young chief was changed from a supre living bronze statue to a lump. He fell, clawing at his saddle and yelling shrilly. His well-trained war pony slowed down and circled back to where his master lay.

All this occupied much less time than it takes to tell it.

During this distraction, half a dozen Indians, who had been unhorsed, rose from their brush coverts and ran for their lives to gain the more substantial refuge which the ridge afforded. Four escaped, but two were dropped in their tracks before they could reach the shelter.

Though bullets had dropped all around the white men, none had been hit.

"Had enough?" said the sheriff. "Found the camp stronger than you thought, eh?"

Such seemed to be the case, for, after a long parley, which was held discreetly out of range, the band disappeared, leaving their dead on the prairie.

An attempt had been made to rescue the fallen, but the risk was too great, and it was given up.

The Indians had been gone some time before the little garrison crept carefully from under cover, for the Sioux were notoriously tricky and their apparent departure might simply be a ruse to put their enemies off their guard.

Finally, however, the sheriff turned to his men. "Casino," said he, "you, Singing Jim, and Calamity Jake follow their trail and see what becomes of them. If they start to come back you bump yourselves and let us know. You'd better go along, Hodson, and look after your stock."

The men appointed saddled up and started out without delay. The good wishes of those remaining went with them. It was a perilous undertaking, for there was no telling where the war party might be or what they might do.

After the scouts had left, guards were set to keep watch and prevent a surprise, though it was thought that there was little danger of an attack by daylight.

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"Hold steady dar boys, till I git fru!"



The Cacti of the New Mexican Deserts

By Felix J. Koch

It is a fact, probably never brought to the attention of that class of our American citizenship who are readers of magazines, that there are hundreds of persons, men of course, principally,—away down the far southwest whose only living companions, from week end to week end, and, in certain isolated cases, from month end to month end, are the cacti of the desert. West of the Pecos they do not use the word "cacti." It is cactus, singular and plural. These men come to love the cactus as others do pet animals. It is almost a revelation to ride out, desertward, and hear them dilate on their wonders.

Everywhere in the lone New Mexican deserts there are vast stretches of grease-wood, the low shrub with the leaf like a myrtle, that is the one saving bit of color to the scene. Hidden by these patches are mines—some of them never worked, but simply bored and tunneled; some of them with the finest of machinery installed. The money of the several companies, however, may, for the time being, have given out, and so "mine watchers" are employed to pitch camp at these shafts and live, maroons on the Great American Desert, until released. Only once a week do these fellows come to town, the rest of the time they are out with the cactus.

There is the tall dagger cactus, so much like the yucca of our gardens.

Ubiquitous on the desert is the corn-cob cactus, sweet reminiscence of better days to its folk. A thou-

sand miles from a corn-stalk, and with nothing better than canned succotash to recall it, the desert blossoms with a cactus that was named for the somewhat similarly shaped maize.

Up beyond the combs of low blue mountains that rise ever in the desert, grows the soto-weed, likewise very tall, and with the great spire-like dried blossoms standing anywhere from ten to a dozen feet above ground. Thorny bushes, possibly cactus of some future age now in course of evolution, grow beneath in its shadows. The okatare, too, is there,—just a set of pokers, as it were,—green though, and armed with spines, rising in a clump from the earth.

If one drives out farther in the beautiful, rolling desert, over the beds of prickly pear and among the white sage-brush areas, the devil's pincushions, a low, yellow seedling variety of cactus, may be found. There is no taste to that seed, but it is eatable and will sustain life, so that many a miner has been saved from utter starvation by taking to this insipid diet.

Nature seems to have provided for man in the cacti of the desert. Remove the spines, and only man can do this, and not a few contain a sap that will substitute water admirably. The fruit of other varieties is splendid, in fact it is much coveted in the desert towns. Then there is the crackling fire, yielded by the cactus,—what more would you desire? The long spines serve for needles in times of pinch, the endless tough fibers, for thread. This plant sends up a stalk often ten or fifteen feet in height, from which there come the beautiful, waxy-white flowers of our own home yucca. The love of the aesthetic then bubbles up in the heart of the mine-watcher on the desert, and he will cut down half a dozen of these stalks and bear them to his "home," simply for the pleasure of having them about him. Not that they are few and far between. There are stretches along the Southern Pacific where, for mile on mile, rise these blossoming heads of cactus. Only the desert folk are ungrateful.

Hot as it may be in the daytime, the nights are cold.

The sun has parched the dagger, so the lonely prospector or the miner strikes a match and sets fire to the plant. It burns almost without smoke,—one elegant, red glow, until the flames strike the stem, and then they leap upward as a torch in the night time.

It makes you think of old Indian times, to see these flaring torches over the desert.

Another purpose, too, is served, besides giving heat and serving as fuel to cook the meal of the miner. The fires ward off the coyote,—"ki-o-te," it is, out West,—and also the little red desert foxes that may bear off bits of food in the night-time.

In the shadow of the dagger grows the clap-weed, famed for its medicinal properties. Get "stuck" by a cactus, and apply the clap-weed's juice, and you will be healed, say the miners. Is it a wonder that the miner loves the cactus?

Some one has suggested that the plants be analyzed, as clue to what ore might obtain in the soil far be-

neath, but the suggestion has not yet been tested. Perhaps, then, some day the cactus will be the lode-stone, too, to indicate hidden fortune. Until then, however, the vast beds of the green wave in the sand storms of the wastes, breathing perfume on desert air.

"The Spirit of Flowers"

If, as the South Sea Islanders say, scent is the spirit of a flower—which is their reason for covering newly-made graves with flowers—then lavender must rank very high, spiritually, in flower circles, its scent being almost its whole claim to existence, though the grace of its coloring should count for something also. One utters the truism that the smell of lavender is unlike that of any other flower, forgetting more completely than usual that this is true of every flower in the world. Whether legendary or not, the theory that derives the name of lavender from its scent is a very pleasant one. The Welsh name for it, as far back as the thirteenth century, was certainly llafant and llifant; so it is easy to believe that this, too, came from the Latin lavare, to wash, and therefore refers to the old Roman custom of putting the flowers in their baths for the sake of their fragrance. That laundry and lavender should have a common origin is more poetic than it may sound.—*London Chronicle*.



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It is not until recently that mothers have realized the comfort and convenience of the bathrobe for the small boy or girl. It is always ready to be slipped on at any time of the day or night and prevents many a cold from exposure to draughts and chilly rooms. The bathrobe sketched here is suitable for use by the boy or girl and is very simply constructed. A cord about the waist and another at the neck closes it in front while a hook and eye are useful at the throat. Elderdown is the best material for these robes and any of the colors not too delicate are suitable. For the medium size the pattern calls for 2 1/2 yards of 54-inch material. No. 4007 is cut in sizes 4 to 14 years.



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The girl in her teens usually appears best in a waist which gives her a broad shouldered effect and such an one is shown here. The deep tucks ceasing at yoke depth at the side and continuing in plastron effect down the centre suggest a tapering of waist which is very becoming. The sleeves may be long or end at the elbow. The waist closes in back under a stitched box pleat. Silk, linen, broadcloth or serge may fashion the waist. For the medium size 3 yards of 27-inch material are needed. No. 4055 is cut in sizes, 13 to 17 years.



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A Little French Dress in Serge

For school wear there is nothing better than serge in some one of its many varieties as it will stand a great deal of wear and shows soil as little as any fabric. An attractive little frock in long-waisted style is shown which may please the mother who fashions her daughter's school dress. It is very simple and unpretentious and easily made. The deep tuck at either side of the front gives broad panel effect which is very becoming while the tucks of the back relieve any tendency to plainness. The skirt is a straight gathered one rather short and full after the French mode. If for a party dress the sleeves may be made in short puff while the pretty bertha given in the pattern may serve as adornment. For the medium size 4 yards of 27-inch material are needed. No. 4081 is cut in sizes, 3 to 9 years.

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Pattern No. 6732

A Graceful Lounging Robe

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The Foraging of Hens

By I. S. A.

After the hens, assisted by the drouth, had destroyed the grass in the yard, they found their way into a neighbor's premises and began on his lawn—and continued. They made a lawn mower superfluous, and they ate as many weeds as grass, but there was great fear that the lawn would become a desert like mine.

As a measure of recompense I bought a quantity of lawn seed the following spring, and sowed it freely over their lawn, and secretly, which was easily done as the lawn lay open to the highway.

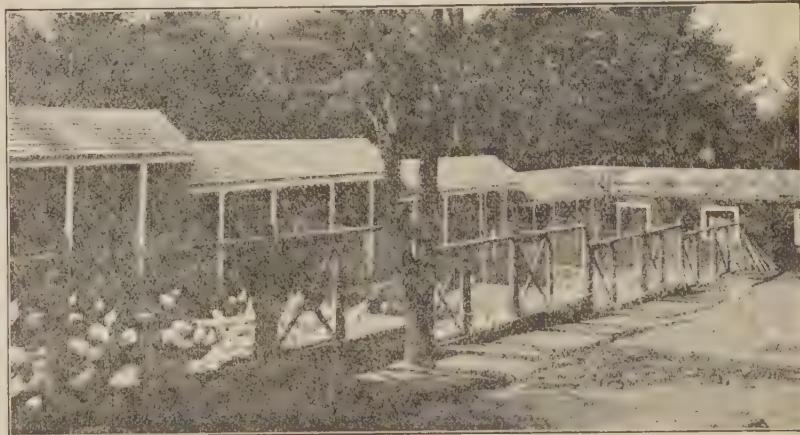
"I notice," he said, "that there's quite a little growth started, but to be sure of it, for we'd like to have some grass this year, I've just sown it with seed."

His son joined him. "Why, Daddy," he said, "I sowed that two or three days ago, it must be coming up by this time. I thought we'd have some grass this year."

His sister heard him and exclaimed: "I sowed that myself over a week ago; it's all coming up nicely. I knew we'd want some grass this year."

"I sowed it, too,—some time ago," I said merrily, "for I knew you'd want some grass this year."

Then we all laughed; and the Baby who likes chickens, said, "I guess there'll



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Not long after, I saw my neighbor's daughter scattering seed about.

I spoke to her. "We thought we'd have some grass this year," she said.

"Yes," I said, interrogatively.

"And I don't want father saying too much about it," she added.

Which was so nice of her I immediately gave her a pot of blooming bulbs. I said nothing about my sowing.

A day or two later the son of the family took his air rifle under his arm, announced his intention of shooting every darned chicken that came on the premises, and began scattering seed over the lawn. His sister saw him but said nothing about her sowing. A few days later the father went out and scattered seed thickly over the whole surface.

Then he came to the line fence to tell me in his gentle way that he'd like to have me keep the chickens at home.

be enough for the chickens!"

Beside grass there is hardly any vegetation that the hens will not destroy. The garden overrun with shepherd's purse and field sorrel was entirely cleaned of it by them and kept clean. The succulent purslane has no chance where the hens are allowed.

My garden was a sea of centaurea at one time and there was fear that it could not be kept down. The hens took the matter into their keeping, and left not a plant; in common with the yellow warblers they eat the seeds, but they are also fond of the leaves, and in the spring will destroy any plants that have survived their autumn skirmishing.

The Chinese tea plant—matrimony vine—had a secure spot by the house, and overran much of one side of it, sending its shoots beneath the foundation, so that

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Heartsease Thoughts for the New Year

Have you missed in your aim? Well, the mark is still shining. Did you faint in the race? Well, take breath for the next. Did the clouds drive you back? But see yonder the lining. Were you tempted and fell? Let it serve for a text.

A Prayer for 1907

Make me patient, kind and gentle. Day by day; Teach me how to live more nearly As I pray.

Personal Words to My Readers

When I began writing to you some years ago it was not with the aim of becoming a literary power or success. In very truth my secret hope was to assist as many young mothers (and young wives) as my words could reach, to that most essential thing, so often overlooked amid the rosy dreams of the honeymoon, a good beginning. Observation and thought proved that those successful marriages, which glisten like golden exceptions to the black rule of averages and failures, were due to good beginnings—either mental, or physical, or both. Many theorists, many famous names and able pens could eloquently discuss your difficulties and problems and refer you to various cures, or explain methods of higher living. To me there comes a sad conviction that the truly young wife, if happy and hopeful, or ignorant, timid, heartsick, and mayhap, lonely and ill, is scarcely able yet to adopt these high ideals or realize their beauty, or see their uses.

Looking about me as one of you, like you in sufferings and struggles, in desires to learn, in grief over losses, in joy in motherhood, I felt my heart swell full of the sympathy and love which arises from experiences, bitter-sweet and tonic for the soul, for all my dear, patient, oft unappreciated tired mothers—my band of "Chink Fillers." To these I always long to bring some Heartsease Thought, month by month.

You see, I realize how practically impossible it would be for such mothers to read long essays, even though helpful in their way, or to write to me as they feel like doing: because I, too, have known all the weary daily chase for a leisure hour wherein to relax, to scribble a line to dear old friends or relatives, to read a well loved magazine or book—or to take a nap, or needed walk, or bath! I, too, have seen night shadows fall on a day which seemed all effort and no results save a lame back and sore heart!

To these burden-bearers how can I best give cheer? Would "Questions Answered" in one of my columns please and comfort more speedily? Of course for many mothers whose needs are of the delicate nature which causes every woman to shrink from exposing them to publicity, my best services must be through personal letters, and in these I hope I may never be too busy or tired to express my great interest enthusiastically.

Looking ahead to 1907 I strongly desire to take up subjects which shall assist as many inexperienced mothers as read my page, to a happier, healthier motherhood and make each baby in such homes into a rosy comfort and joyous reward for time, care, pain or loss.

Try then, dear ones all, to regard me as one who greets you with a warm hand

clasp and a smiling request—"If you trust me believe I love to help you. Let me be your friend."

However humble any service of mine, it will always be dictated by the knowledge that some few of you require just such information, so think of me cordially as I shall of you. Those who can do so are urged to cheer the editor of Motherland by occasional Postal Card Thoughts. Some may be able to suggest good ideas for my page and thus enable me to do more for other readers. Come into closer touch; are we not old friends? Your joys and cares, your daily lives are a veritable romance to me. Do not imagine—"surely Mrs. Wellman will not be interested in me." Please think of me only as deeply touched by each life's shadows or sunshine and in love with the babies!

Young Mothers

There is a yearly harvest of bottlefed babies torn from loving arms, and some of these little victims were not coldly or deliberately half-starved or forbidden the mately craved for consolation and health of their mothers' warm breasts, but, due to some error or neglect of mother, nurse, or physician, have become a part of this all too great army of weanlings.

The woes of the baby robbed by the choice of a cold, selfish mother need separate discussion. My passion of remorse for such women chokes my pen. The semi-comforts of those "bottle babies" of whose already great loss selfish advantage is taken and time saved by "giving him the bottle" apart from mother's arms, oblivious of poor results in suction, flatulence, etc., are little less pathetic. The poor babies who are given paregoric, etc., and the "pacifiers," or "sugar tits"; the thumb-sucking habit encouraged to keep babies quiet, all rise in pitiful array before my mind. Blessed babies! how cruel even their friends are at times.

Perhaps if we plainly explain, carefully study the subject, i. e., Diet of Bottle Babies, and thus enable some mothers who, tearfully, reluctantly and earnestly are about to assume the care of a bottle baby because of grim necessity, we may do great good in 1907. All who have good ideas on this theme are urged once more to write me on the topic. Meanwhile I hope to give some trustworthy advice in the next few issues of Vicks.

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Poultry

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they came up through cracks in the flooring. Its growth was too rampant, and the hens were allowed access to it. There is no plant they love more, and they immediately proceeded to exterminate it. Despite its vigorous and early growth there is not left a respectable shoot on the premises.

In the late fall and early spring when green stuff was scarce they ate up the strawberry bed and all of the late raspberry shoots. At these times they will eat garden mallow, avoided in the summer, holly-hocks, docks, toad flax, but

been trying "the ounce of prevention" and it works far better. I turn my hens out as soon as the weather gets warm in the spring, giving them roosts outside, and leave them out until fall. They enjoy it so well that they need to be driven in a few times when it comes time for them to roost inside and there are never any lice or mites to fight. I can pick the chickens up and carry them around in my arms, but never find a sign of one. The nesting boxes are put outside also, for if they are let into the house to lay, we have the same old trouble. When I first tried it I was afraid they would eat their eggs, but I have no trouble of that kind, when I furnish them plenty of grit. Indeed all

my trouble from egg eating has been when they were laying inside, but that stopped as soon as I gave them plenty of oyster shells.

Selecting Good Stock from Bad

Success that one reaches in raising prize poultry depends mostly upon the ability of the owner to mate up and manage the hens. Of course there are other things that have a bearing in the work, such as quality of stock, space in which to handle it, and time which one is able to devote to it. It is important that the one who keeps poultry for the fancy, as well as for market, not to undertake to go beyond the accommodations. Keep only what can be cared for in the best possible way. The earlier in the season that the poor or undesirable specimens can be distinguished from those that are to be kept over, the better. This gives those remaining the better chance to improve and develop, and every one will have some that must be culled out. There should not be kept over a lot of ordinary birds thinking that they may develop into something

desirable for breeding purposes. Such management is most sure to result in disappointment and to the detriment of the good birds. And all birds that are not healthy should be cleared out at once. Even if they have some good points, they will amount to nothing in the end if they live and grow up. If there is a dozen or so that you can not just decide upon, place them by themselves, but never crowd the others to do so, better dispose of them entirely.

The small breeder who raises too chicks may be well satisfied if he has thirty good ones, but I know very well that



more are expected, and the majority of breeders will undertake to select out more than this number from the one hundred. As a rule they are too careful about culling, that is, taking out those

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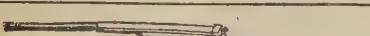
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for breeders that should be left in and go to market. Some seem to think that because they have taken some care in selecting the parent breeding stock, or because they sent away and purchased a three or five dollar male bird, that nearly all of the offspring must have more value than a common barn yard fowl, but such is not the case. Even from the product of some of the best bred stock in the country there are considerable many birds that must be culled out, some of which are worthless. And if we obtain more or less poor birds when breeding from high class stock, what can we expect to produce by making up our pens of poor to fair specimens. Cut out the scrubs, then go over the flock and cut them out again, or until you have the lot reduced down to a fair sized breeding pen, or if necessary to only a male and female, then the chances are that you will be able to go ahead and accomplish something in the way of raising some really good birds.

In sorting out the good from the bad, there are matters to be taken into consideration. If the breeder is well acquainted with the variety he has, then he should not hesitate to go ahead and make a selection, but if the breed is new to him and he is not quite sure but that he might dispose of the wrong bird, then he should ask the advice of someone who is familiar with the variety. It sometimes happens that there is a little question about what a bird will be as it gets more age and develops up. Frequently a cockerel may be nearly perfect in all points except his comb. In this case I would not be too hasty with him but keep him along; the chances are that a little time will entirely remove that defect. In speaking of this fault I would further state that the development of the comb should not be looked for with impatience, as many birds are very backward in this respect. If the combs of cockerels are found to be soft and not carried upright as they should be. I would recommend a change of diet and plenty of exercise, give but little or no soft food. Sometimes pale legs will grow dark as the bird gets older, but if the legs are white when they should be yellow, then I would discard them, as they seldom become the proper color. Faults that can seldom be remedied are: Want of feathering on the legs, feathers on the legs of clean-legged varieties, humped or round backs, crooked or crossed bills.

In weeding out the old stock keep only the most perfect birds and best layers. Always bear in mind that a few good ones will grow into profit and repay any outlay far better than many medium or poor ones.

How Much to Feed the Hens

How much feed should I give my hens is a very common question and one that I can not always answer with satisfaction to the owner. It depends on many conditions, such as breed, whether old or young, growing birds, whether laying or not, exercise, etc. Ordinarily I aim to feed about twelve to fifteen per cent animal food, twenty to twenty-five per cent vegetables or green food, sixty to seventy per cent grain food.

I feed in the morning all the grain they will scratch out of the litter in four or five hours. At noon all the mash they will clean up in fifteen or twenty minutes, removing all left over. At night a full meal or all they will eat in half an hour. Most poultry men feed the mash in the morning, but I prefer to feed it at noon or for the evening meal.

To find out just about what quantity is required leave the flock after the morning meal till two or three o'clock, then place before them a quantity of mixed grain and see what quantity they will clean up in twenty minutes. Then each day scatter that much in the litter for the morning or noon meal. If they are laying steadily and do not appear to find all they want, increase the amount by a few handfuls.

I calculate that when a flock is laying heavily the more grain you can get them to consume without going out of condition, becoming overfat, the better. A hen can not produce eggs steadily without the material to make them of, and if she lays well and has proper amount of exercise she will eat quite an amount of

food. Again, if she is in idleness most of the time, high feeding will soon put her out of business as an egg producer.

Houdans for Eggs and Market

Among the best breeds of poultry for table purposes are the Houdans, a French breed. This breed is more popular here than any other from that country, and if better known it would be a still greater favorite, for it possesses the most desirable qualities as a table fowl. The breast meat is very abundant and of fine texture. I believe there is no breed of equal weight that will yield as much meat as a Houdan, and if eggs were sold by weight instead of by the dozen they would have few equals in this respect. But in this country they seem to be classed more as a fancy, than a utility fowl. In fact they are a handsome fowl, with the uniformly mottled plumage, fine crests and beards. This, however, does not make them out as unuseful in other ways. The greatest and only objection that I have found with them is that the crest hides their view and makes them an easy prey to hawks, crows, etc. In yards or village lots this objection is not so much of a draw back, but on the farm where they roam round, sometimes a quarter of a mile from the house, they are easily picked up. Some breeders claim that so many feathers about the head causes them to be more subject to colds and roup, but I have never seen any trouble in this way, and with good dry quarters I think there will be none. The crest is, perhaps, more source of trouble with the chickens, in damp rainy weather than with old birds. They are a white egg breed and classed as nonsitters, but after a couple of years old I have known them to become broody, especially if the eggs are allowed to remain in the nest. I have never used them for hatching and they are said to be rather unreliable for this purpose as well as for brooding the chicks.

Good Layers

There is no reason why heredity should not have influence in breeding poultry the same as other stock, and if so why not in the production of eggs. This is best illustrated in the many strains that have been bred for generations and are today noted for egg producing qualities.

Pullets that are forced to early laying never make good layers. Thriftiness is one of the surest signs of regularity in laying.

It is claimed by some that the single comb of medium size denotes a prolific layer, and with the rose comb that is small and fits close to the head. In the egg breeds, I have had the best success with those having good sized combs.

Feed a Balanced Ration for Eggs

In feeding for eggs one of the principle things is to feed liberally. People who give short rations believing their hens will become over fat if fed plentifully are not likely to get many eggs. Allowing that the hens are laying now, there are two things that call for extra food, one is the eggs and the other that required to keep up bodily heat. A good

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Some people are not particularly fond of the flavor of pumpkin and like pumpkin pies if mashed Irish potato is used with the sifted pumpkin in making the pies. Use as much potato as you do pumpkin.

Mushrooms, Oysters, Chestnuts and Truffles

According to taste or convenience, either of these components are fine for filling roast turkey. Each has its own flavor. Less seasoning is required, than for bread crumb dressing. Mushrooms and chestnuts need nothing but salt, pepper and butter, but chestnuts must be boiled, shelled and creamed, and mushrooms chopped and dredged with flour and butter.

Truffles are minced and the cavity of the turkey filled the night before to impart flavor. Oysters call for enough bread to hold them together. They are chopped and seasoned to taste, first.

South Carolinians stuff turkeys with rice, and creamed potatoes are also used and are very nice for a change.

Pumpkin Pies

Pare the cleaned out and quartered pumpkin, and cut into strips. Fill a steamer with the pumpkin and set over a kettle of boiling water with a cover on the steamer until the pumpkin is tender enough to beat to a pulp. Press through a coarse sieve, and to one quart of pumpkin add one pint of milk; three well beaten eggs; two heaping tablespoonsfuls of butter and two teacupfuls of sugar. Flavor with pulverized spice and ginger. Line deep pie tins with thin pastry, and set them in the oven until half-baked.

Without removing them from the oven, fill two-thirds full with the pumpkin and bake to a rich brown. This way of first baking the pastry half done prevents the soggy bottom crust, so often seen.

Roast Turkey

Roast turkey is often called the National dish, and there are special touches which add to its merits. Observing the usual formula for roasting, the dressing may be varied, according to taste or convenience. The usual bread-crumb dressing or stuffing is as good as any. There should be more made than will fill the turkey, and made into balls and flattened like sausage-cakes, laid in the baker, around the turkey and cooked brown with the gravy. Children are fond of it prepared this way, as well as old persons, where "the grinders are few."

Bread-Crumb Dressing

Stale bread, crumbled to fill a quart measure; one tablespoonful of butter, melted in enough hot water to moisten the crumbs; two eggs, beaten through and through the crumbs, and chopped parsley, thyme and celery, with salt and pepper to taste. Much in evidence on Southern tables is corn-meal dressing. The meal is scalded, an egg or two added, and sour milk and soda, or baking powder and sweet milk and butter. The corn bread is baked a light brown, and while hot is softened with hot milk and mixed half-and-half with stale bread crumbs, with chopped parsley, thyme,

celery, salt and pepper. This dressing is never clammy. It is considered a great delicacy.

Mince Meat from Pork

Take pigs' hearts, tongues, and small pieces you have when you butcher. Boil in salted water until tender. Chop while warm, add a little pepper, cinnamon and nutmeg and sugar to taste, a cup of boiled cider and bits of jelly that have been left over and raisins and currants, as many as one can afford. Put in fruit cans, and when wanted for pies take one-third meat and two-thirds apple, chopped fine and add any juices you have from canned fruit and the spiced vinegar off from pickled peaches and pears, enough to make juice enough for the pies.

Mince Meat

Almost every housekeeper thinks she has "the best" recipe for mince meat. Even in the face of this assumption, we venture to give two tested recipes for those who like to try different ways of doing this:

Two pounds of lean beef boiled and chopped fine, four ounces of apples chopped fine, two ounces raisins chopped and stoned, two ounces currants chopped and stoned, one-half pound citron, two ground nutmegs, one-half ounce ground cloves, two oranges, one teaspoonful salt, one quart sweet cider. This makes a very tasty filling.

Plain Salt Pork

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Cranberry Sauce

One quart of cranberries; one pint of water; one pound of sugar. Boil the berries and water together, until the berries can be crushed with a spoon. Then strain, and add the sugar, boiling again, until thick. Pour up and serve. When perfectly cold this cranberry jelly can be cut into slices, and served with cold turkey or any kind of cold meat.

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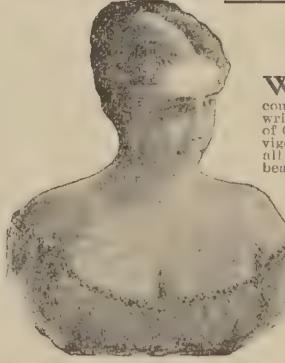
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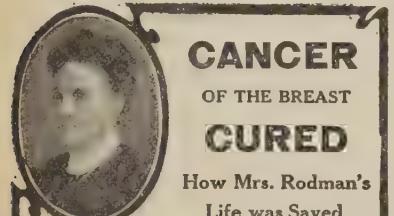
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By Mrs. E. J. Grote

Princess Lace Centerpiece No. 1

This beautiful piece is easy to work and pays well for the little trouble. As a rule there are but few lace stitches required, as the greater part of the pattern is filled with the Honiton medallions, which are very lacy, and of which many different designs may be secured. This pattern is made almost entirely with Honiton braids, with Point Lace braids for the edge and that part of the design adjoining the linen, the remaining spaces and background being filled with such stitches as flat spiders and twisted bars. Of course, in such a design as this, the braid must be very carefully and securely basted to the pattern.

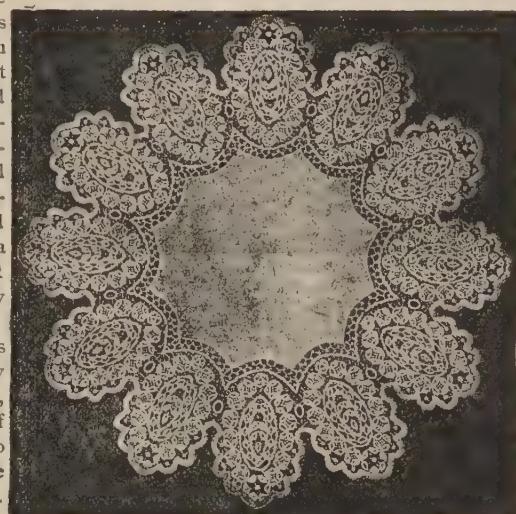
In the greater part of this design it will not be necessary to cut the braid very often, but in working the leaf sprays it will be necessary to use two pairs and one single medallion in each spray. The little medallions, which are a feature of Honiton braid, are joined together with tiny stems, which in some patterns are much longer than others. Each one of the little medallion ends, when cut should be carefully buttonholed to prevent fraying. In many cases the ends are long enough to be turned over and buttonholed to the braid, but in the very small Honitons there is no space left for turning in. Buttonholing is the correct way to fasten these ends, and, if the instructions are carefully followed, the making of this beautiful lace will be greatly simplified. In basting the braid around the ovals it will need to be cut only once. The braid should all be securely basted to the pattern before the lace stitches are put in. Care must be given to this, the most tedious part of the work, as, if the braid is not securely fastened the lace stitches will tend to draw it out of shape and thus spoil the appearance of the lace. The insertion around the edge of the linen between the rows of Point lace braid is made with buttonhole picot bars, and the edge of the lace is finished with a row of purling.

Princess Louise Centerpiece No. 2

The chief work of this design consists in the basting of the braids into position, securing the cut ends and oversewing the adjoining edges together. When the braids are all in place ready for the background of picot thread and a few necessary stitches, the work is well on towards completion. Much of the work of getting the braids ready may be done before basting them into position. When the number of scallops of braid necessary for the circumference of each of the rosettes has been determined, a sufficient number can be cut off, the pull thread drawn out at each end and all the joinings made. The circle so made can then be basted into position on the pattern, the pull thread drawn up and tied, and the inner braids basted into position and oversewed to these circles. In the flower motifs it is always advisable to baste the outer braid first, so the curves and other portions of the design may retain their position. Should



the braid not cover the design entirely the open spaces are then put in the center where a few simple lace stitches complete the pattern. When all the braids are in position, it is well to go over the work with fine thread and make all necessary joinings and connections. The picot thread with which you join the work should be cut in about half yard lengths and threaded in a coarse needle. When the spaces are small this thread may be carried across from point to point by simply entering the needle into the braid at the selected point. When webs are to be made a little planning will indicate the placing of these threads with the least waste of material and labor. In these wider spaces it is well to secure the picot thread at each entrance into the braid by a few stitches of fine thread; and it may be carried from point to point. A few simple lace stitches are necessary for the filling of the open spaces of the design.



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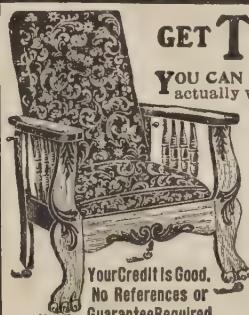
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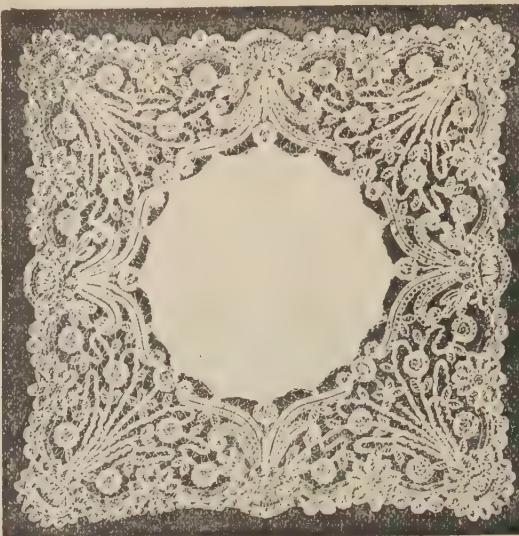
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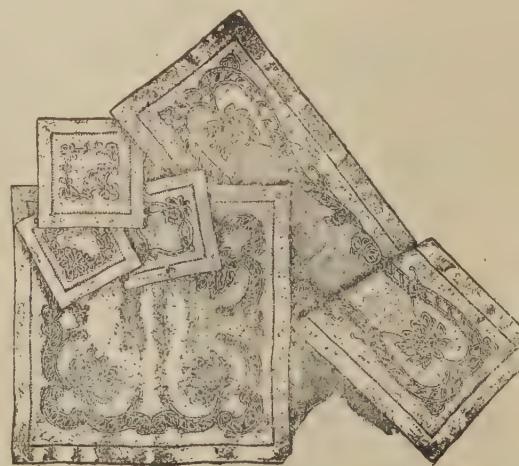
Flowerbasket Centerpiece

This beautiful piece is made like number 2. The rosettes are measured to ascertain the number of scallops needed and the pull thread drawn and the braid fastened together and basted on the pattern on the outer edge of rosette. Then baste the inner edge and proceed the same way as in number 2. Be sure to baste the braids carefully. It is put together with picot thread. Be sure to use coarse needle for this thread.



Collars and Cuff

The stores have imported this winter fagoted collars and long cuffs. The patterns shown were received from France. They can be made of any kind of lace braid, or bias silk, any color, but most of them in silk are either black or white fagoted together with the same color. But those made of Valencieunes lace and insertion are put together with white thread or colored silk to match the dress they are to be worn with.



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The term "Croup" to many mothers means only the terrifying, hoarse, choking cough usually worse between nine p. m. and two a. m., and not troublesome some during the day. A healthy and fat child, free of all pulmonary taints, may acquire it by exposure combined with heavy diet, and after this one attack of croup, may not have another seize all winter, whereas the truly croupy child is liable to it even in July, on any damp day.

In truth there are many varieties of common croup and children seem prone to certain forms agreeing with some constitutional weakness, such as asthmatic, bronchial, spasmodic. There is a croupous pneumonia complication, too, and 'tis often fatal, and as for membranous croup its terrors give it a distinct position as a disease as deadly as diphtheria. Moreover there is "child crowing" which is a peculiar disorder requiring skill and speed and good sense in the mother or nurse.

The modern child is coddled in some ways over much and neglected in others. We can recall years gone by, how we slept in an unheated room when the weather was fiercest,—ah! how good was a warm flat iron between sheets—and there were no downy blankets, none save the snow drifting onto the quilts. Snowbound was our little country community and had serious illness seized anyone there was need to be possessed of remedies and knowledge how to use them. No "flannelette" nightrobes or bedsocks, no woolen underwear. No, indeed! Stout shoes, homeknit hose and mittens were real comforts. If a cold arose a little goose grease or skunk's oil was used. Baths were but weekly and given in a draughty room. Sore throat was treated by physic, gargles, and "salt pork and onions" bandaged around throat.

Yet our contemporary, having a hereditary "nervous cough," a poor stomach and slow circulation (an asthmatic combination), was a nighty care till eleven years old. Just how the stomach affects matters is hard to state briefly. Yet a heavy supper is a good way to aggravate croup.

As mother and nurse I have treated many forms and attacks of croup both bronchial, asthmatic, membranous, etc., in a family which inheritance had doomed to imitate the father and as the "neighbor nurse" served as helper in serious ordeals when such illnesses arose, I have not only an "ear" for the croup cough but a long list of tests personally made, eventually leading to the idea of Prevention.

Many parents fail to realize the danger and sudden powers of bronchitis and croup. I can still hear one mother's lament. Usually a good nurse, she protested when told that her child, a two year old, could live scarcely one-half hour, and insisted that the child was often worse. I held the poor infant, my heart aching for mother and child. Soon she too saw a strange look on the face—too late!

Prevention is so much wiser than Cure. A bronchial cold allowed to run unchecked will waste a child to thinness, Catarhal colds are scarcely avoidable at times in damp climates, or windy sections and influenza colds possess infectious powers and run through entire families. To prevent the worst features of these diseases from development requires a thoughtful oversight of diet, clothing, baths, and condition of health. Boys have dozens of habits which alarm a mother by their reckless exposure to illness or accident. School children, crowded into poorly lighted, badly heated, seldom ventilated rooms, close perhaps to developing cases of contagious diseases, acquire education at a terrible risk.

Therefore every mother should know simple remedies and break up the first symptoms of fever or chill, limit diet, look after wet feet, remove a half sick child from school for a "bed-day" and prevent many anxious weeks of serious illness.

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Floral Question Box

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Achimenes

Will you please tell me in the magazine the best way to treat Achimenes when they are started in the spring? Should they be allowed to grow in the pots in which they have passed the winter and then thinned out if necessary, or is it best to entirely repot them?—Mrs. R. W., North Carolina.

The rhizomes of Achimenes should be potted about the first of April in a soil which has been made loose and open by the addition of about one-third leaf mold. Six or seven rhizomes in a five-inch pot, or nine or ten in a six-inch one make specimens of the most convenient size. The soil should be kept moist, as a single severe drying will ruin the plants. Liquid manure should be given twice a week after flowering begins.

American Wonder Lemon—Hibiscus

1. Will it do to put an American Wonder Lemon tree in the cellar in the winter?
2. How should I treat Hibiscus Peachblow in winter?—W. H. J., Pa.

1. The Lemon Tree can be put in the cellar in the winter if you wish to do so. Give it a very moderate amount of water while there. If it has fruit on it, it deserves to be kept in sight and not banished to the cellar.

2. Give Hibiscus Peachblow a location in a sunny window, with plenty of water and a cool temperature and it will bloom well in winter.

Scale Insect on Boston Fern

What shall I do for the brown scale on my Boston Fern. I have a nice plant but cannot keep the scale off from it.—A. S., Pa.

The scale attacks the old fronds first and it can be kept under pretty good control by breaking these off when infested and picking off the few insects on the rest of the plant. If you object to sacrificing any of the fronds, make a suds of whale-oil soap and with an old tooth brush make an application to the under side of the frond, especially along the midrib. Afterward rinse the frond with clear water. Fir-tree oil applied in the same way is also an efficacious remedy.

Amaryllis Belladonna

I read a statement that Amaryllis Belladonna is perfectly hardy and requires no protection. Will it stand 30° below zero without protection?—J. C., Ontario, Canada.

A very good authority says that this Amaryllis is hardy in the District of Columbia, but needs a warm, sheltered spot with deep planting. It is not likely that it would stand a temperature of 30° below zero.

Fragment of Leaf to Name

Please give me the name of this plant, a leaf of which I enclose herewith. It is a succulent about three or four feet high. I have never seen it blossom. They have these plants in our park greenhouses, but I cannot get the name.—A. D., Ohio.

It is impossible to name the plant from the small fragment of dried leaf received. Better take a fresh leaf to some local florist.

Beauty Hints

A bad-tempered woman is not beautiful. Giving way to fits of anger will injure health.

Perfect repose of manner is simply conserving vitality.

White vaseline is excellent for keeping the lips soft and smooth.

Sleepless people should live in the sunshine as much as possible.

Flaxseed tonic will counteract the effect of dampness on the hair.

Powdered orris-root and prepared chalk combined is a good dentifrice.

Needlessly twisting and distorting the face is a potent cause of wrinkles.

Be sure that the bed linen is always perfectly dry before sleeping upon it.

Take good care of the teeth. Disease and contagion lurk in the human mouth.

Milk, taken hot or cold, is generally fattening, but it should always be sipped.

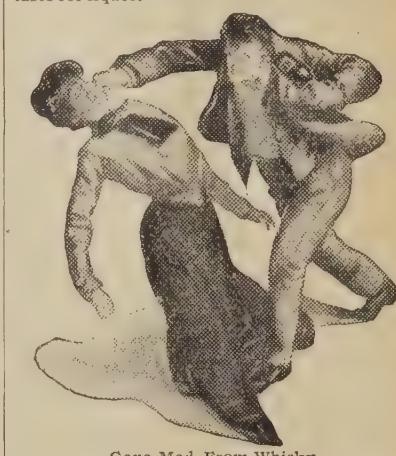
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Poultry

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deal of material is needed to make eggs. And in feeding for eggs it is not only necessary to feed freely, but it is equally important that they should have balanced rations. The foods such as bran, middlings, skimmed milk, etc., such as bear a certain proportion to corn and other food of this kind. The contents of an egg is made up largely of proteins, so if a hen is fed principally on corn she can not be expected to lay many eggs, unless she is on free range, so as to balance up the ration herself.

For Leghorns and other breeds I have fed with good success the following ration: 100 pounds corn meal, 100 pounds ground oats, fifty pounds bran, fifty pounds middlings, fifty pounds animal meal. For heavier and less active breeds 100 pounds corn meal, 100 pounds bran, fifty pounds shorts and twenty-five pounds animal meal makes a good ration.

I like feeding the mash at noon or night best, allowing the hens to get warmed up in the morning by scratching in the litter.

Clover meal makes a valuable addition to a mash for eggs. Cut fine and scald in the morning to be mixed with the mash at noon or night. Skimmed milk is also excellent for laying hens to drink and I use it to moisten the mash with. I have used a good many of the best rations and nearly all with fair success. I believe there is no one best ration for all. In making up a mash or grain ration one must consider the breed, condition, what the flock is doing, etc. I never have been able to compel a hen to lay, but I can feed a balanced ration which will always bring better results than an unbalanced one.

Questions and Answers

Would a poultry house built of one-inch lumber be warm enough where it never gets below zero, and at that point for only three or four days during the winter.—J. H. B., O.

A building covered with one-inch lumber and battened would answer in the climate described, or if the stuff is matched it would not require battening. I would suggest lining the roosting part with some tough paper, or if the building is in an exposed place it will be an advantage to cover the inside of the entire building with some kind of paper.

What is the best sized house for eight birds? I am thinking of building one ten by twelve feet and putting in a partition to make each pen six by ten feet. Then I have a run about thirty by 140 feet. About what quantity mash would you feed to eight fowls and at what time of day would you feed it for best results? —D. S. M., N. Y.

The size house you describe will be very suitable for eight fowls and the yard of sufficient size. The quantity of mash to feed depends on the breed and other conditions. I feed just about what they will clean up in fifteen or twenty minutes, and prefer to give the mash at noon or night.

I am building a brooder house fourteen by twenty-eight feet. Can this be heated warm enough to raise chickens without a brooder in February? Do you think that cooking increases the digestibility of vegetables for hens in winter?—B. H. S., Pa.

With hot water pipes and a stove for the purpose, you can heat the house all right, but I think you would find it more satisfactory to use the ordinary brooders, either the indoor or outdoor kind. Potatoes and turnips are improved by cook-

ing; beets, onions, etc., may be fed raw.

Will you kindly inform me the proper method of raising young turkeys, as to food, grit, etc.? I tried to raise some this last year, but met with very poor success.—Mrs. N. F. C., Montrose, N. Y.

Mate medium sized gobblers two or three years old with well matured hens. Do not inbreed. Feed wheat, corn, oats and barley to old stock during breeding season, no soft food. Set eggs under chick hens. Ten eggs to a good sized hen, or fourteen to sixteen to a turkey hen. Unless the weather is warm and the hen is in a good place, remove the poult as fast as hatched to the house and cover in a basket. Feed nothing until twenty-four hours old, then give a little bread moistened with milk and squeezed dry, and sprinkled with black pepper, every two hours until three or four days old. Cheese made from skimmed milk, also a few finely cut onion tops are good for them during this time.

Another good feed for first three or four days is a mixture of beaten eggs sifted with ground oats then cooked and crumbled for them. After about a week commence to mix in a little cracked wheat, Kafir corn or millet with the cooked food, and gradually get them on to a grain ration entirely. A food made of one-half cheap grade of wheat flour and the balance equal parts of middlings and bran, with little corn meal, cooked and fed dry, is good after a week old. Never give more of any food than will be eaten up clean. Chick grit and shells should be provided, and granulated bone is good. Move the coop often to fresh short-cut grass ground. Keep the poult dry and examine them and the mother closely for lice and mites and apply lard or vaseline.

What is the proper way to feed potatoes, beets and turnips to poultry, and are meat scraps better than the animal meal for fowls? —G. H. B., Sharpe, Kansas.

Cook the potatoes and mix in with a mash of middlings, meal, bran, etc.

Beets and turnips may be fed in same way or in raw state, split and hung on spikes on the wall or cut fine.

Some prefer the scraps, others the meal. When I can get good quality of the scraps I always use them.

Is powdered marble good for fowls as a grit, and how is barley as compared with other grain for hens? —G. C. R., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Marble in the form of a powder would be of no use as a grit, but in a granulated state, the size of other poultry grit, it would be good. Barley contains 1.8 per cent fat, 69.8 carbohydrates and 12.4 per cent protein, and is considered a good poultry food.

Midwinter Poultry Notes

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A gill of linseed meal given to the hens in the mash feed once a week is beneficial.

Over crowding, uncleanliness and poor ventilation are three great drawbacks with the poultry man.

If you are not able to cull out the undesirable specimens consult some one who is familiar with the breed.

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Cattle Ranch to College

(Continued from page 10)

The sheriff and the rest of the men began to count noses, not only of men but of stock, for it might be that in the excitement some one or some animal had been hit unknown to the others. In fact, it would be a marvel if one bullet had not reached its mark, since, at times, they had dropped around like hail.

All were found intact, but several of the wagons had been pretty badly riddled.

A barrel of molasses which rested in one of the wagons was punctured by a 45-calibre bullet, and the sticky stuff leaked down on and in a trunk marked "Charles R. Green, Boston."

"Belongs to a tenderfoot who got stalled with the rest of his outfit near the railroad," Casino had explained, when some one remarked on the strange object.

Certainly the "tenderfoot" was having rather a novel introduction to the hardships of frontier life. As Charley Green said afterwards, "he was stuck on himself for fair."

Mr. Worth and John now thought of the family at the Sebells', and at the first lull they made their way back between wagons, around and through bunches of cattle, mules, and horses to the house. It was hard to tell which was most glad to see the other, but a stranger coming in would not have realized that this was the return of a father and son after several hours' exposure to all the perils of Indian warfare. There were no tears of joy, no outward demonstration of happiness. The frontiersman had learned, perhaps from the Indian, perhaps from stern nature herself, to keep his feelings to himself. Even John and Ben were not demonstrative.

"I suppose you did 'em up?" said the latter to his more fortunate brother. "How many were there in the party?"

John dropped to the floor, for the experience of the night before was, at least, trying. "Sure we did," he answered. "They didn't come till daylight and so were in plain sight, while we were under cover, see? Same bunch we saw the other day, I guess. Phew! I'm tired."

He had hardly got the words out of his mouth before he was sound asleep, and, not long after, his father was also in the land where none but phantom enemies are seen.

The Indians evidently had enough, for they disappeared, taking with them, however, some of the N bar N stock. The two herders accepted the situation, each in his own fashion.

"I told you so," groaned Calamity Jake. "These pesky Indians ought to be wiped off the face of the earth."

Singing Jim, however, merely grinned, and said as he ran his fingers through his hair: "Well, I'm glad this thatch is not decorating some Sioux tepee. I think it looks better on me than it would on a lodge pole."

After this, things went on in much the same old way in the little frontier town, for the Indians did not venture another attack.

In spite of its small size, Bismarck was a busy place and was the distributing point for a large unsettled territory.

Freighters came in from points on the distant railroad with provisions for the cattlemen, trappers, and miners, and the constantly changing population of the town. Their wagons were in long trains, one hitched to the other, the whole drawn by many teams of mules and driven by one man, who rode the near mule next the first wagon, controlling his team by a single "jerk line," which ran to the front near animal. This mule, who was picked for his intelligence, knew that one pull on the line meant turn left and two short jerks indicated that a right turn was wanted; moreover, he knew just how wide a sweep to make to clear an obstruction.

When the trapper came to town to bring in his pelts for shipment East, and to get a supply of pork, beans, and coffee—his standbys in the matter of diet—and when the cowboy raced in with a couple of pack ponies to get supplies for his outfit, the rare opportunity was always taken advantage of to enjoy what pleasures the town afforded. The gamblers and saloon keepers did a thriving busi-

ness, though a perilous one, for, on the slightest provocation, the frontiersman was ever ready with his shooting irons.

It was only a few weeks after the Indian attack described before the parching heat of summer began to give way before the dreaded wintry breath of the North.

John and Ben, when they went out to guard their father's stock gave up their daily swimming in the river and took up horse racing instead; and many a race was hotly contested. The boy, however, who rode Baldy, the big bay, always won.

Mr. Worth, as has been noted before, was a freighter; he was also a miner, opening up mines of coal in the deep-cut river banks, the coal so obtained being sold to the government for the fort garrisons.

On these coal-prospecting trips he usually went alone, carrying on his back the bare necessities of life: a blanket, perhaps a string of bacon, a bag of beans, and a little coffee, besides the never-absent rifle and revolver.

Late in the fall, Mr. Worth set out on a prospecting trip. The garrisons of Fort Lincoln and other outposts situated up the river were clamoring for more fuel, and no time must be lost if they were to be supplied before the heavy snows set in.

John went with his father a half day's journey, helping to carry his equipment. They started out afoot, and the mother, holding the baby in her arms, watched them.

"So long," called back Mr. Worth, as he started out.

"So long," returned his wife.

At dark, John returned and, in his self-sufficient way, began to prepare for the night. He and Ben each saddled a horse, of which there were several tied to a pole, and set out to round up the "saddle band" (as the ponies which were reserved for riding were called), and the work stock of mules and pack horses. They were not far off, nibbling the tufted buffalo grass, and soon were turned toward the corral, the boys riding on either side, ready to head off any animal that showed a disposition to separate or lead the "bunch" astray.

The stock safely disposed of, John and Ben went back to the shack, but were promptly sent out again for wood and water.

"Let's get a lot of wood," said Ben, "for it's colder than blazes. Hope the governor will find a good place to turn in to-night."

"Oh, he's all right," replied John, between grunts, for the load of wood he was carrying was both heavy and bulky.

An hour or so later, the windows and door were barred, the ember of the fire scattered, and all hands turned in for the night. The beds were really bunks built into the wall, and were not exactly luxurious, spring mattresses being quite unknown; but the boys found them comfortable, and in a minute or two were rolled in their blankets like great cocoons and fast asleep.

Mr. Worth was not expected back for several weeks, for his journey was to be a long one and subject to many delays on account of bad weather and, worse, Indians.

It was about a week after he had left that Charley Green came up to where the boys sat on the doorstep braiding whips or quirits.

"Hullo, kids," he said, "Mr. Mackenzie wants—what are you doing?" His curiosity made him forget his errand.

"Braiding a rope to hang a couple of horse thieves," said John, facetiously. "What did you think we were doing, branding calves?"

Even the kids made fun of the "tenderfoot," who was really a good fellow, just out from an Eastern college, but densely ignorant as far as Western ways went. He saw he was being laughed at, and so hastened to come back to his errand.

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In a few minutes John and Tenderfoot Green reached the sheriff's shack, bearing clothes and blankets. The crowd that stood before the door parted and allowed them to pass.

In the far corner of the room, leaning over the fire, sat a man who turned his head as John and Green came in.

"Why, it's my father!" cried John.

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Shadowed

A man was going home to his wife and family. It was growing dark. His road from the station was a lonely one, and he was getting along as fast as he could, when he suddenly suspected that a man behind was following him purposely. The faster he went, the faster the man went, until they came to a churchyard.

"Now," he said to himself, "I'll find out if he's after me," and he entered the churchyard.

The man followed him. Vague visions of revolvers and garroters grew upon him. He made a detour of a splendid mausoleum. Still the man was after him, round and round.

At last he turned and faced the fellow, and asked: "What the Dickens do you want? What are you following me for?"

"Well, sir, do you always go home like this? I am going up to Mr. Subbub's house with a parcel, and the porter at the station told me that if I'd follow you I should find the place, as you live next door. Are you going home at all tonight?"

—McCall's Magazine.

The Hill

I am homesick for a hill,
For a barren hill and bare.
I have dreamed of it through days
Of the blinding city glare
When my tired-lidded eyes
Ached for something far to see,
I have dreamed of how it stood,
And how cool its shade must be.

Now I know the North winds come,
Meet the winds from out the West,
And upon its barren slope
In gigantic battle wrest.
From the city let me go
On its heathered face to lie,
That the winds may sweep my soul
Clear as they have swept the sky.

—Lucy Copinger in Lippincott's.

'Tis a Little Thing

To give a cup of water; yet its draught
Of cool refreshment, drained by fevered
lips,
May give a shock of pleasure to the frame
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Like choicest music; fill the glazing eye
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hand

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—Talfourd

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It has kept me hustling this far to take care of family customers whose orders range from \$2.00 to \$10.00, but increased facilities will enable me to get business in even larger quantities from hotels, restaurants and public institutions, manufacturers and retail stores, there being scarcely any person in business or out who does not at all times have urgent need for my services. I never thought it possible to

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like this with only a few dollars, for almost every business worth having requires several thousand dollars to begin with, and I was not in that class, in fact, we can both recall with sad regret the days of no work—no wages—debts piling up—nearly everyone and everything combined to keep me down. Then my sieve of sickness, no work—laid up—laid off—almost laid away—nothing coming in—expenses going on—doctor bills and what not. Trouble, trouble, trouble, but that's the common hardship of every man who sells his time to others—hard work—long hours—little pay—enriching those who boss, but never himself. Verily, my good wife, we know from experience that it's mighty inconvenient to be poor, and now after years of hard labor here and there and almost everywhere—from factory hand to office clerk—teaching school or selling goods—town and city

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A Fishing Episode

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of the Duster and gave the lines a vigorous shake. The astonished animal broke into a cow-like gallop and the rickety wagon clattered down the road, leaving a cloud of dust in its wake which obscured the little home from their view.

"It seems ter me we ought ter reach the lake by 'leven o'clock today," said Jacob.

"Yes," replied Liza, "judgin' from the noise we're makin' we must be goin' at tremenjus speed. If we get there by 'leven, perhaps ye can hook a fish for dinner."

Even Duster seemed to gather something of the pervading spirit, for he hurried along at a wholly unwanted pace and the first five miles of the ten were soon covered. As they passed Grill's Corners, where is located a single church, a general store and a blacksmith shop, a tall, awkward looking girl of, perhaps, sixteen, came down the steps from the store. She stopped stock still and stared rudely at the odd turnout. As they approached near to her, she shouted in a high, rasping voice: "Doin' a rushin' ice cream business today, are ye?"

"Yes," replied Jacob, "we're clean sold out of the cream, but we can furnish ye a quart o' the best shrimp salad ye ever set a tooth inter." He held out toward her the glass can of squirming pink angle-worms.

The crowd of loafers on the church steps laughed vociferously and the girl hurried away in evident discomfiture.

"Is that what ye call a civil answer ter that girl's question?" inquired Liza, with a whimsical little laugh.

"Well, I call it about as perlite as the question and the lookin' over she give us," retorted Jacob.

The sun was rising higher and the heat was becoming more intense. Duster was showing evidences of fatigue and the dust was stifling. Jacob's spirits, however, seemed to rise in proportion as the distance between him and his beloved lake decreased. When the first glimpse of the rippling blue water burst upon his sight as they came upon a bit of high ground, the burden of years seemed to drop away, and, casting dignity and restraint to the winds, he shouted in a boyish abandon of ecstasy.

"I declare fer it!" said Liza, "If I had known ye was so plumb daffy to go fishin', I should have had ye come sooner. I jest believe our comin' today is all that's goin' ter save ye reason; but don't git so excited that ye don't know enough ter keep quiet in the boat, fer ye know if ye ever fall out, ye can't swim no more'n a cannon ball."

They drove up into the little leafy grove of Maples that skirted the lake, and although Jacob was so impatient to "Git a fishin'," as he expressed it, his humane nature would not allow him to leave Duster until that faithful animal had been unharnessed, brushed, fed and watered. Then, with a sigh of deep content, he started for the lake. He took from his pocket the old, silver watch that had belonged to his father, and its hands pointed to a quarter past eleven.

"Now," said Liza, "you go an' catch a fish fer dinner an' I'll build a fire here in the shade and git the potatoes a cookin' an' hey the spider pipin' hot to cook yer fish."

"Them ain't my plans, by a long shot," said Jacob, "I purpose ter build the fire myself an git the water on, an' you put in the pertaters, an' then, while they're cookin', we'll both fish. I wouldn't feel right ter hey you a doin' the work while I was enjoyin' myself."

Jacob threw off his coat and vest, which he had worn only because he believed it to be a duty he owed to society, and proceeded to build the fire, while Liza washed and pared the potatoes. When these preparations for dinner were accomplished, they made their way down to the water where they found a broad bottomed boat; not very clean and not adapted to fast rowing, but equal to their requirements. After much balancing and many uncertain lunges, Liza

succeeded in landing in the boat well to one side. The boat tipped perilously, but Jacob steadied it as well as he could, and finally Liza succeeded in seating herself in the stern of the boat, red-faced and hot from the fright and unwonted exertion.

"There now," she said between gasps, "If ye had any insurance on my life, I should think ye had brought me out here to my death, knowin' that if I didn't git drowned, I should be like ter burst a blood vessel, a pitchin', and a tossin', and a standin' on one foot, tryin' ter git a sittin' in this boat, if that's what ye may be pleased to call it."

"Now, Liza, yer jest keep still. Ver all safely anchored on that seat an' we'll soon be a pullin' 'em in." Jacob slipped the chain off the stake and threw it clattering into the boat, which commenced to float away from the shore, as the water where it lay was quite deep.

"Goodness gracious! Git in here!" screamed Liza. "Don't ye know that I couldn't git to them oars if I floated from here to Bumbay an' back agin'. Git in, Jake, git in!"

Jacob gave a mighty leap, as though to jump across a chasm forty feet wide. He landed in the boat like a lump of lead dropped from the planet Mars. Luckily, he struck squarely in the center of the boat, or trouble would have commenced right there. As it was, the boat rocked furiously and Liza clung to the seat on each side of her, with her eyes fairly starting from their sockets.

"Look at that," sputtered Liza, "we're havin' more trouble gittin' ye in than they had loadin' the elephants inter the Ark. If I ever git my two feet on dry land agin' I shall count it among my rare mardies."

Jacob did not attempt to reply, but grasped the oars and pulled away from the shore toward a point in the lake where the long grasses appeared above the surface of the water.

"Here's the place where the fat, punkin-seed bass like ter stay, an' I'm jest anxious to git acquainted with'em," he said, as he cautiously threw over his anchor and reached for his bait box.

The hooks were soon baited and a breathless silence reigned. Liza did not watch her hook, but dreamily gazed across the blue, undulating water, toward the hazy woods on the opposite shore. Something of Nature's unspeakable calm was creeping into her troubled soul, and there arose within her a sweet trust in Him who had walked upon the waters of blue Galilee, and had said to the angry waves, "Be still."

"Gee whinkety! Why don't ye pull in? Yer bobber is a duckin' an' a sailin' around and yer pole is fairly bendin', why don't ye pull in?"

This excited exclamation from Jacob roused Liza to a realization of the present, and she jerked with all her energy. A fine bass cut a circle through the air over their heads and landed in the water on the other side of the boat.

"D'y'e think its healthier fer him on this side of the boat, Liza? Why don't ye pull him in? He'll be somethin' prime fer our dinner with them pertaters that are a cookin' up thare."

Liza, a little more calmly this time, pulled on her line and succeeded in landing the fish in the boat.

"Well, you do beat all fer a fisherman. Here I haven't landed a scale an' you've got a fish that'll be plenty fer our dinner. I guess we'd better go up to the shore, fer by the time we git this feller dressed an' fried, them pertaters will be done an' I'm near famishin' this minit."

"Liza's face fairly beamed with satisfaction, and Jacob rowed with a right good will toward the shore, where their small fire was sending up a thin column of smoke.

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[Paul Whitmore, a London artist, has married Nuna Beaufort, daughter of the rector at Ashton. Previous to this he had become very much infatuated with Patty Westropp, a gardener's daughter of the same place, and the village beauty. He had even asked Patty to marry him, but she, though unknown to him, had fallen heir to a large fortune from an uncle in Australia, and had been led by Miss Coppock, a city dressmaker for whom she had once worked, to refuse him and go out into the world before marrying. With her new fortune, Patty had settled her father in London, and with Miss Coppock for companion had gone to Paris to learn the ways of the world, taking the name of Latimer. On a trip to Brussels she met Maurice Downes, an Englishman of some fortune, and they were married. Miss Coppock had recognized in Mr. Downes a lover of her youth. She had been a governess in his mother's family, and when the attachment was discovered, she had been set adrift. She was unrecognized by Mr. Downes, and though she had endeavored in every way to prevent the growing intimacy between him and Patty, had not cared to reveal herself. In the course of business, Mr. Whitmore had been commissioned by Mr. Downes to paint his wife's portrait, and went entirely unconscious that he was to meet in this lady of wealth and fashion his old acquaintance.

CHAPTER XXXVII

MR. PRICHARD'S ADVICE

Mrs. Downes' picture was finally finished. She had sat to Paul every day, and he had grown to feel a restless impatience till the time for the sitting came. He hardly knew why this was; he was not in love again with Mrs. Downes; he had never said a word to her which he would not have said to any others of his sitters; but she had become to him like a story, and each day he seemed to turn over some yet more interesting page.

"You do not give me up because the picture is finished," said she softly; "you will come and see me sometimes, unless indeed it bores you to come."

"That is not likely;"—and then he looked grave—"but a man who has his way to make in the world has no time for visiting."

Patty's eyes sparkled with anger; she could not understand him; still she said with her most winning sweetness, "Good bye; I know you will come."

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Let us pass over several weeks in our story. Paul's experience with Mrs. Downes, though at times he had been severely tried, and her old power of enchantment had come over him strongly, had had the effect of making him recognize more clearly the difference between Nuna and Patty, and to emphasize his true love for the former. But an untoward incident occurred. During Paul's absence for a few days, Mrs. Downes' finished picture was brought by the framer to Paul's studio, which was also his home. Nuna recognized it, and a tempest was raised in her bosom. He had usually told her of the work he was doing, but not a word had she known of this. To her it was a proof that Paul still loved Patty. "Oh, God!" she moaned, "take me in mercy! How am I to live if Paul loves her?" The next day Paul returned. He found Nuna sitting motionless, and, as he looked around in utter amazement, he saw the cause in Patty's portrait. He had come home his heart full of love and resolve to atone to Nuna for all he might have inflicted on her in the way of neglect, and yet, being a man, his first feeling at sight of the picture was that Nuna was somehow to blame, or that it would not have been there at all. He walked past her up to the picture. Nuna's good resolutions as to self control fled away and as he did not speak, she burst out,—

"Why did you let me see it at all? Why not carry on your deceit to the end?"

Her manner stung Paul past bearing. "Don't talk such nonsense, Nuna. Deceit! One would think I was a child, accountable to you for everything I do."

There were few words more between them, and if Nuna had yielded to what she called her weakness, and left any opportunity for explanation, matters would have been left much better, and Paul would not have taken his hat and gone out.

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A sharp dispute ensued. Patience lost all self-control, and upbraided Mrs. Downes with her conduct during the journey.

"You can leave me," Patty said in a cold contemptuous tone. "You can go as far as Bourges with us, and then I will pay you your wages."

Patience had not answered; she had only scowled; and Patty had decided that Miss Coppock was too much a woman of the world to let herself be turned adrift in the middle of France "without any character to speak of." On reaching Bourges she had asked to be shown to her bedroom, and her first glance into the court-yard had shown her Patience and her husband. Patty felt as if the ground shook beneath her; how could she escape?

Miss Coppock's dull eyes kindled. As she stood there once more alone with Maurice Downes, it seemed as if that long ago street scene was being acted out again: he was again thrusting her away from him. The anger in her face made her look almost hideous. Mr. Downes shrank from her with disgust. She saw and understood all he felt.

"I'm going; you may be sure of that. I'd not sleep another night under the same roof with your wife if you asked me to do it! There are reasons, though you've forgotten them, why I'd still do much for you; yes, I would."

"Do you think it was for simple revenge on her that I've told you of her doings with that young lord? Why, the best revenge I could have had would have been to let her go on to disgrace; but you care for her, and I care enough for you and your credit to know that you're much too good for her, and I'm sick of seeing you deceived."

Mr. Downes wondered at her interest in him and really thought her mad. He refused to listen to any further words against his wife, but no power could stop Patience now.

"What do you know about her at all? I have known her as many years as you have known her months." And then she told the story of Patty's origin and her father's name and position, ending "Ask her lover, Mr. Whitmore—ask him, he can tell you plenty about her." But he left her so suddenly she could not stop him.

Miss Coppock determined to go to Paris, but waiting at the station she heard an English voice asking for a train to Clermont and thus met Mrs. Whitmore. Here was one who could prove her story! And so it was they went back to the hotel together. Mr. Downes was in conversation with his wife when she observed the two in the courtyard. Expressing her disgust at Patience she asked to have Nuna see her at once. Mr. Downes had not yet spoken of the revelation of her past made to him, and when Nuna came to her she plead with her not to reveal what she knew. She plead wildly and declared that a revelation meant her destruction. Nuna urged her to confess and that she would be sure of her husband's forgiveness. He, coming in, heard enough of the conversation to show its import, and asked sorrowfully, "Mrs. Whitmore, did you ever know Mrs. Downes as a girl called Patty Westropp?" Then Nuna was a good angel to them both. "If I did, what of it? I knew no harm of her," and plead with him to forgive any deceit in his wife, as one of the mistakes of her past. It was more Nuna's pleading than Patty's attitude which won this forgiveness.

Miss Coppock had been forgotten. She had, however, stolen into the room and witnessed, unobserved, the reconciliation. She saw her revenge fail. Inquiring for her later, Mr. Downes, angry at her for her attempted injury of his wife, went to her room.

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said angrily; he opened the door and went in. Miss Coppock was lying on her bed.

"Miss Coppock, I"—but the words stopped, and he stood still paralyzed.

An awful Presence filled the room, and drew his eyes to the upturned face lying there so dreadful in its stillness. At first this Presence filled his eyes, his mind, so that he could not grasp objects distinctly, and then he saw a phial still held in one lifeless hand; close beside this hand was a paper, it looked like a letter. He stretched out his hand and took this letter from the bed. It was an old letter, soiled and much worn by folding and refolding; it was written in a boyish crabbed hand—in it was a lock of chestnut hair.

"My darling Patience," was at the top.

"Only an old love-letter; poor creature," and then he looked on to the signature—"Maurice Downes."

"Oh, my God!" he fell on his knees, his head nearly touching the dead woman. Who shall describe the utter horror and confusion of thought that came upon him in those awful moments, while he knelt beside the dead body of his old love? He rose feebly from his knees and staggered to a chair. Clearly, was the memory of that unexpected return to his father's house and his meeting with Patience Clayton—he shuddered as her fresh young beauty came in one vivid glance; and then, how vehemently he had resented his stepmother's conduct; he knew without looking at it again that the crumpled letter, so carefully treasured, was full of passionate love and trust; in it he had vowed to be always true to Patience.

And then came back those words spoken to him in the courtyard so short a while ago—words which he had despised her for uttering, because he disbelieved in them. And she, with all her wrongs, despised, neglected, had loved him to the end.

He got up and forced himself to take one long, fixed look at the poor pale face then he went down-stairs slowly and heavily to the room where he had left Patty. Patty still stood where he had left her; defiant and gloomy.

"Come upstairs with me, Elinor," he said, "only for a few minutes."

His love for her guided him rightly so far; nothing but strength of will could have kept her from an outbreak of passion.

He was too merciful to let her go into the room without a warning.

"Stay a minute, I want to tell you something, Elinor." He did not look at her while he spoke. "I had a most awful shock when I left you just now. Some years ago, a young man and a young girl were in love with each other; he forgot his love and the promises he had made to keep true to it—worse than that, he was rich and the girl poor, and when he met her afterwards alone in London, he broke away from her with a few cold words and an offer of money instead of love." Patty raised her head at last and began to listen. "I was that youth, Elinor, but the girl loved on to the end." He stopped, Patty's eyes were fixed on him; something in the solemnity of his tone and look frightened her. "Elinor, all this time she has been living with us, and I never once recognized her."

"Was it Patience?" she whispered, and then she drew away from the door. Instinct and the look in his face told her he was seeking to prepare her for something from which she should shrink.

But he drew her on; they went in hand-in-hand—these two sinners; for it is sin, though the world may not call it so, to win affection, and then to leave it to wither unrequited—both gazing on the awful wreck of passion lying there so still.

For an instant Patty stood white and dumb; then she shrieked out in loud terror, and clung to her husband.

"Oh, Maurice, Maurice, have mercy! Take me away—for God's sake, take me, or I shall die—I shall die." She laid her face on his shoulder, but he made no answer; it was only fear, he thought—not love—that had worked this sudden change.

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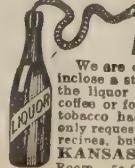
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face, that she was not a child, but a young maiden; her eyes were as blue as the skies, and her beautiful fair hair hung in curls to her waist. She had a sweet smiling mouth, and her voice, when she spoke, was musical and clear. She so skilfully assisted Agatha that in a very short time the work for the day was done; and then asking if she had not better begin the brewing, she took the malt-tub, and all she needed in her work, and, to Agatha's amazement, placed herself in the garden in the very spot where the rose-bush had stood, and began her brewing.

All day she kept steadily at work, ever repeating to herself, while busily watching her beer:

"Be, my beer, pure and strong,
Thou'll cure many a wrong;
Fail me not, I charge thee,
Else great grief will come to me."

The neighbors, as they passed by, noticed the maiden brewing, heard her low chanting, though they could not distinguish what she said, and wondered what Dame Agatha could be thinking of to trust such a child with the care of the brewing.

Dame Agatha was herself somewhat anxious as to whether she had done a wise thing; but then her guest had assured her that she was a good brewer "and besides," murmured Agatha, "her name is Hope; so I will trust to her name."

One neighbor told another what a pretty child there was at Agatha's, and at last even the court servants were talking about her, so that the king asked what all this questioning was about, and hearing it was of a pretty child who had been left at Dame Agatha's by a stranger who had stopped there the night before, he cried:

"Well, I will go there in the morning; for I am tired of all my pages, and perhaps this girl may serve me for one."

The next morning Agatha and Hope were up bright and early, and after breakfast the latter went to examine her beer. As she was standing by her tubs, the king came up, stopped, and roughly called out:

"What is your name, girl?"

"Hope, your Royal Highness," she answered in her clear voice.

"Hope, hum! a good name, what have you in your tubs,—beer?"

On Hope's answering "yes," he bade her give him a draught. Dame Agatha had been watching the scene, and now, to her amazement, Hope entered the cottage, went straight to the cupboard, took out the flagon in which she had offered her beer to the Fairy King, and as she passed by Agatha softly whispered, "Though Hope goes, Patience is left, Dame," and went quickly again into the garden. Here she filled the flagon from a tub, and gave it to the king, who, drinking it at a draught, declared it was excellent, and that she must go to the

palace, where he should give her the place of his cup-bearer. In less time than it takes to tell, all this happened, and Dame Agatha saw her pretty maid carried off; but she waved a smiling farewell to Agatha before she finally disappeared.

All day Dame Agatha seemed to be going about in a dream; nothing was real but the beer which she found on tasting to be the very best she had ever had. In the evening, as she was standing by the tubs, she heard some one call, in a soft voice, "Dame Agatha, can you help me?" and, looking up, saw her strange visitor; but this time there were only two children. Agatha looked keenly at them, and noticed one was pale, with gray eyes, light brown hair, and a mild face; while the other looked gay and fearless, with bright blue eyes, and hair that glittered in the sun's rays like golden threads.

As before Agatha took the stranger in, and when morning came, the stranger again asked to leave one with her, and permission being granted, took the child with the gray eyes, and telling Agatha that her name was "Patience," laid a hand on her head, and said as before:

"Remember now, O daughter mine,
To well perform the work that's thine,
As thou a strict account must give,
And I no fault will thee forgive,
For thou hast had instructions clear.
Now, can I trust thee without fear?"

Patience raised her clear gray eyes, and answered:

"Trust thou me; the lily-white cake
I will skillfully mix and bake;
All thy commands, O mother dear,
Will surely do, thou needst not fear."

Patience helped Agatha as her sister Hope had done (for the poor dame was so bewildered by the strange occurrences, that she was not able to collect her wits enough to attend to her duties); and, after her work was over, went into the kitchen and began to mix a cake. While working it, she kept repeating:

"Rise, my cake, white and light,
Be all done ere 'tis night;
Fail me not, I charge thee,
Else great grief will come unto me."

Just what had happened before happened now, and the next morning the king again stopped at Agatha's door, and called for her guest. When Patience came, he asked for a piece of her cake, saying her sister Hope had told him she could make it. Patience went to the cupboard, took the fairy platter, and whispered to Agatha, "Though Patience goes, Courage is left, Dame;" then gave the king a generous slice, which, after eating, he declared good, and took Patience away to be his cake-bearer. Dame Agatha found the cake to be the best she had ever eaten; and while standing that evening at the garden gate, the stranger came up for the third time, but leading now only the one child left. All happened as before, and when the morning came, the stranger told Agatha the child's name was "Courage," and again repeated:

"Remember now, O daughter mine,
To well perform the work that's thine,
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And I no fault will thee forgive,
For thou hast had instructions clear.
Now, can I trust thee without fear?"

Courage raised her bright eyes, and answered, confidently:

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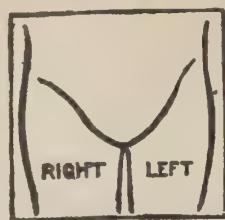
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And to thee faithful be and true."

Courage helped Agatha as her sisters Hope and Patience had done; for the poor dame was so bewildered by the strange occurrences, that she was not able to collect her wits enough to attend to her work. When everything was in order, Courage took the loom from the cupboard, and going into the garden, placed it where the rose-bush had stood, and taking up the thread began to weave. As Agatha watched her, she was sure she saw her weaving in some of her golden hair, and while the shuttle moved swiftly to and fro, she repeated:

"Shuttle, evenly weave the thread,
That the sheet may for the king's bed
Fine enough be; thus I charge thee,
Else grief will surely come to me."

All day she swiftly threw the shuttle to and fro, and by night a large piece of weaving was done, in which Agatha was sure she saw glittering golden threads.

As before, the news came to the king, and the next morning he stood at the cottage gate, where Courage who had risen early, was at her loom. He listened to the lines she said, and then, asking if she would go to the palace, bade her hasten to get ready. He looked, Agatha thought, pale and worn, as though the beer and cake had proved too rich for him, and she heard him say, "Ah! if you can make a bed fit for a king, I will gladly lie in it, for I am strangely weary." Courage said she could, and went with him, bearing away Dame Agatha's loom as had Patience and Hope the platter and flagon. When Agatha could think, she reflected how she had lost everything, and apparently gained nothing; and that night, as she was thinking sorrowfully of her lost treasures, she heard a tap on the door, and opening it, saw nobody, but on the step the flagon and platter, both filled with gold pieces, and the loom, with as fine a piece of spinning as that she had given away to the Fairy King. While gazing she heard a singing overhead, and these words:

"We three sisters give thee back
That which thou to us didst loan.
Never shalt thou for gold lack,
Never more shalt sigh or moan;
Thy tyrant now is ta'en away,
Good news shall come at break of day."

Dame Agatha looked up eagerly, but could see nothing, and thoughtfully entered the house, where she anxiously waited for daylight. Before she was dressed, she heard one of the neighbors knocking at the door, and eagerly calling, "Dame Agatha, wake up, there is good news." Hastily opening the door, Agatha asked, "What is the news?"

"Ah!" cried the neighbor, "the king is gone, nobody knows where! All yesterday he drank beer and ate cake of the making of those two children you had here, and kept the third one weaving a sheet for him. When it was done, he had it upon his bed, and went to bed himself; and now, this morning, he and the sheet and the three strangers have all disappeared, nobody knows where. Anyhow we are well rid of him; never mind where he is gone."

What became of them all no one ever found out, not even Dame Agatha, though she had her suspicions, but she thought it wisest to keep her thoughts to herself.

"I wonder where they did go to?" said Mabel, earnestly. "O Edith, wouldn't it be lovely if you should wake up some fine morning, and find a cake on your platter, beer, or better yet lemonade, in your flagon, and a golden sheet in your loom?"

"What would you do if that should happen, Edith?" inquired Charley.

"Have another tea-party, and give everybody a present," answered Edith, promptly.

"I wonder if there will be a story in every bundle?" said Johnny.

"I am almost ashamed to confess it," said Louise, half aside, to Aunt Hester, "but I am so curious to know what I am to have, that I feel as though I could not wait a month to know."

Joe Miller, who overheard her remark, nodded to himself with an air of great satisfaction, and the little party broke up.

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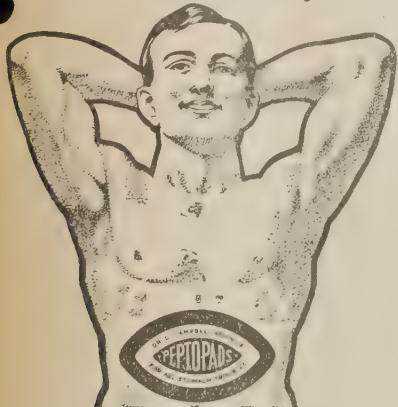
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A Tangled Web

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she suffered—from loving so well, so truly."

He stopped. Patty's bosom heaved tumultuously; with a sudden cry, she flung herself at his feet, and clasped her arms round him.

"Oh, Maurice, Mauricel, for God's sake forgive me—if you can."

Nuna, under the protection of Mr. Downes' servant Louis, found her way to the small village near Clermont where the courier said he had directed "the English gentleman". There she found Paul, in the wretched surroundings a villager's small house afforded, convalescing from his weeks of fever. The people had known him only as a strange English artist who had come there to sketch. Of the meeting between the two we need not tell.

"My darling," he said presently, resting his head on her shoulder, with a blissful trust in his eyes that made Nuna's heart almost too full for happiness, "I didn't deserve ever to see you again. Do you really want me to get well?" He smiled into the tearful eyes.

That long look seemed to tell Nuna something had gone away out of her love for ever. No more trying to find out what would please or displease her husband. She was in his heart, and she knew for evermore every thought and every wish of the life bound up in her own. A radiance like sunshine filled her eyes.

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Many people cannot sleep with the windows open at night in damp weather. A screen which will admit pure air and yet keep out the dampness can easily be made. Take thin Angora flannel and fasten to a screen frame. Place this in the window at night when the sash is raised. In the morning the inside of the screen will be found dry, while the outside is wet, the air having filtered through.

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Persons predisposed toward erysipelas should avoid wines, strong tea and coffee, and highly spiced or seasoned foods. The more laxative and cooling the diet, the better.

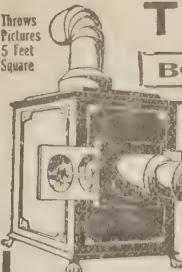
Children with a tendency to scrofula and consumption need an abundance of fresh outdoor air. Making tomboys of them is favorable to securing needed physical development.

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Sister Anna's Old-Fashioned Bed

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with her baby in her arms, her eyes red, and wet with tears. She had not where to lay her little son.

"Why, *Adelaide*," exclaimed Sarah.

"Oh, I suppose—I'm—a sentimental fool," blurted *Adelaide*, looking up shame-facedly. She dabbed her eyes, vigorously, and took a long breath. "But I miss the old house, and I'm homesick for Sister Anna's bed!" A fresh wave of regret convulsed her anew with sobs.

"Alice's coming as a bride brings it all back to me," she went on. "I remember so well the first time I ever laid my things on Sister Anna's bed. I had a white hat, such a foolish, extravagant thing. And I remember how fearful I was that you and Harriet wouldn't like me. And then Katherine came, and finally Alice. And I used to put Douglass on that bed for his naps, and then Minetta, and now—there's no place for Harold. Oh, dear!"

"There, there," consoled Sarah. "Don't cry." She looked quickly toward the open door, and, stepping up, softly closed it. "Adelaide, don't you tell," she said, in a whisper. "John's going to surprise them tonight; he's had it in his mind for a long time. They did exceedingly well, selling the old house; of course, he won't touch that money. But he's going to build the old folks a fine, modern house, a block from here,—the lot's bought. He'd have built me one long ago, but I don't want the care of it for just two of us. This flat is only temporary; we all know they'll tire of it soon, after a lifetime in their own home. For my part I wouldn't care if they stayed in a flat; I've no sentiment about it. But I'll tell you this now, so as to comfort you. Come, dry your eyes. Besides, Harriet doesn't want that bed. She'll give it back. Anna will have it again within a year, if she wants it, and you can put all the babies on it that you want to." She smiled indulgently, as a mother would smile at the foolish whims of a child, and taking the baby, went out of the room.

She met Anna coming toward the bedroom. "What's the matter? Is *Adelaide* sick?" questioned Anna, anxiously.

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"These are Congressional Records and works on political economy," said he, waving his hand toward the book shelves, as he noticed Hugh looking at them. He lounged negligently on the divan, and threw one arm back carelessly over his head.

"You have quite an extensive library, Major," observed Hugh, as he seated himself.

"My library is at my home," replied the major, "these are but a few statistical volumes which I find necessary in writing editorials for the *Patriot*. There is hardly a recent work of a political nature published that is not represented on these shelves. By the way, Stanton, there are some pretty fair cigars in that box—help yourself."

"Thank you," said Hugh, as he lighted one.

Presently the major arose from the divan, and, after lighting a cigar, observed, "By the way, Mr. Stanton, are you fond of books?"

"I certainly am," replied Hugh, "they have been my best friends. Many hours of solitude have been beguiled by their pleasant and profitable companionship."

"Of course you read novels?" said the major, inquiringly.

"I presume you regard it as a weakness," replied Hugh, "but I must admit that a good novel has a great charm for me."

"On the contrary," replied the major, "I regard a good novel as healthful reading. The works of Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, Lytton, Victor Hugo, Hawthorn, J. Fenimore Cooper, and of many other novelists, may be read with profit. Some of our greatest historians have been novel readers, and some of our greatest novelists have clothed history with romance and made it immortal, thus diffusing historical facts far more widely than could have been done in any other manner."

"I agree with you," replied Hugh, "though I must admit that fiction has a general tendency to cultivate a dislike for more solid reading."

They were interrupted by a knock at the door, and the major called out, "Come in!" The door opened and a tall, gaunt, rough-looking fellow came stalking in. The major, hastily rising from the divan, said:

"Why, hello, Dan, how do you do! Come right in. Mr. Stanton, allow me to introduce to you my friend Dan Spencer. Dan, this is Mr. Stanton, the new cashier of Captain Osborn's bank. My friend, Spencer," continued the major, "is one of our 'horny handed sons of toil.' He belongs to the big frontier army that is noted for having 'seen better days.'

The newcomer was, indeed, a study. He had exceedingly large feet and hands. Huge Mexican spurs were buckled to the heels of his high-topped boots. His small, restless, gray eyes and sandy hair were in keeping with his stubby red beard, large mouth, and sunburnt nose. It required no second introduction to discover that Dan Spencer regarded the major with reverential homage. Whenever he spoke, Dan had a habit of wambling and grinning, thereby disclosing his tobacco-colored teeth, and quivering like a creature in convulsions. The one noticeable feature about Dan Spencer was an abnormally long fang-like tooth, almost directly in front. This tooth protruded from the lower jaw, and when Dan spoke it wobbled about like a drunken man. Hugh fell to watching his tooth, and he fancied that every heavy breath on the part of its owner caused it to sway about like a willow buffeted by the wind.

After the introduction he said, addressing Hugh, "Waal, how do you like this 'ere country?"

"Quite well, what I have seen of it," replied Hugh.

"Don't reckon you've seed much yet. You'll find lots uv pore corn-juice, canned goods, ig'nance, and side-meat. I 'spect the ig'nance, though, will natchally give way afore better brands of red liquor."

Before Hugh could reply, Dan turned his wobbling tooth toward the major, and said:

"Hell is poppin' agin, Major. I just came in from No-Man's-Land and I heerd that two hundred head uv old Horton's fat beevies hed been stampeded, cut outer his herd an' run off."

"Great God!" exclaimed the major. "Stealing Horton's cattle again? You don't mean it!"

"You bet I surely do. The beevies are sure 'nuff gone," replied Dan. The major walked back and forth in an agitated way for several minutes, as if he were in deep thought. Presently, turning to Spencer, he said:

"Go down to the pasture and cut out the roan pony; also select a fresh one for yourself and be ready to start with me in a couple of hours." Turning to Hugh he said, "My dear Mr. Stanton, you will have to excuse me. We go to press early to-morrow morning and I must write up this cattle robbery for the *Patriot*. You may not be acquainted with the conditions that exist on the frontier, but there are a lot of cattle thieves in this locality that must and shall, by the Eternal, be torn out root and branch. I must also ride over and see Mr. Horton this evening. Well good-bye, Stanton, come to see me often."

Hugh was profoundly impressed by the troubled look of the major, and as he walked along the street toward the hotel, he shuddered as he thought of the vengeance that would be meted out to the cattle thieves if Major Buell Hampton should have the passing of judgment upon them.

He soon, however, dismissed all thought of the cattlemen and of their troubles, and, while softly humming an air from "Robin Hood," began writing a letter.

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Odd Hints About Cleaning.

To remove shine from the elbows and shoulders of a dress or coat rub the places gently with a piece of fine emery paper.

To take out ink spots, put one or two drops of oxalic acid on the spots, rinse in several waters and last in ammonia water.

Linen shades may be nicely cleaned by laying them on a table and rubbing with dry powdered bath-brick and a piece of flannel.

To remove old stains of tea and coffee, wet them with cold water, cover with glycerine and let stand two or three hours. Then wash with cold water and hard soap. Repeat if necessary.

Knitted or crocheted articles may be dry cleaned by sprinkling over them dry flour or corn meal and allowing it to remain some time—say over night and then shaking it out. The dirt will come out with it. Some use corn starch for dry cleaning.

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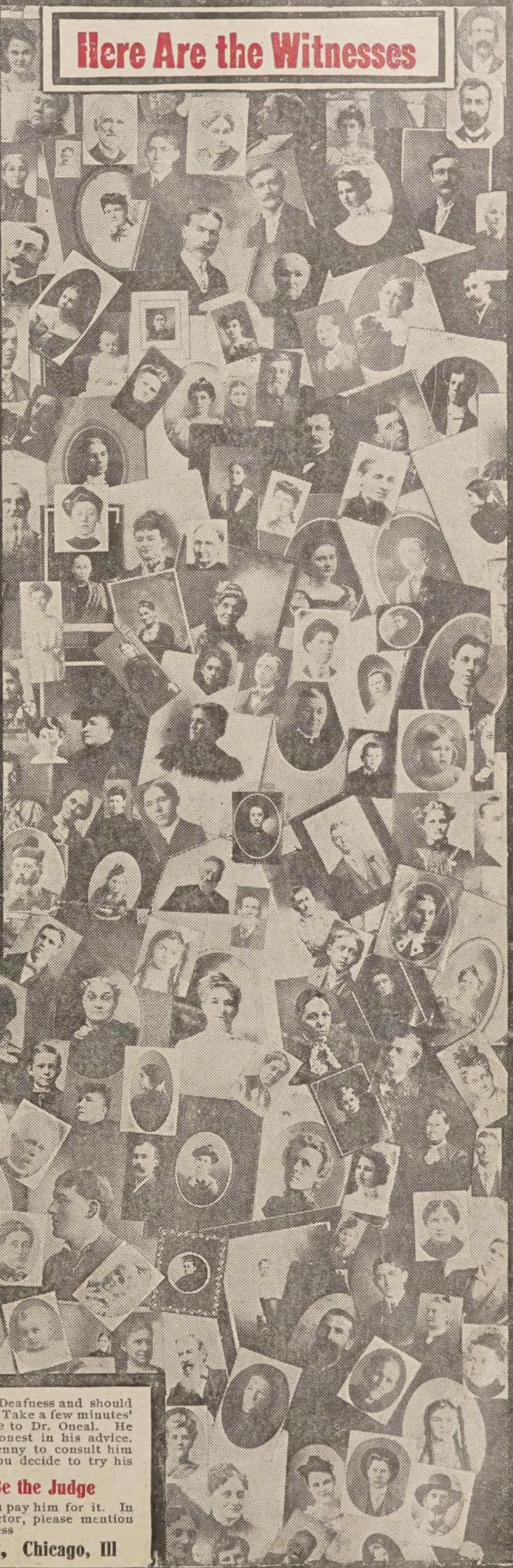
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ATLANTA, GA.—When I look back on my condition and suffering during recent years, and think of the herbs, roots, barks, tinctures, powders and liniments I have taken and rubbed with, all to no purpose, and think that I was cured at last in one month with Vita-Ore, I stand dazed and amazed at the result. I feel that I have in truth been drawn out of the jaws of death.

Thirty years ago I contracted a disease of the kidneys and commenced passing gravel from them, the pain often throwing me into spasms, though only those who have passed through this ordeal can give an idea of the suffering connected with it. These spells continued at irregular but frequent intervals down to a month ago. During all this time my urine was highly colored, sometimes profuse and sometimes scant, but at all times charged with a yellowish, albuminous brick-dust deposit.

About three years ago I was attacked with Rheumatism in my right hip joint, knees and the muscles all over my body. Physicians told me I had Diabetes and marked symptoms of Bright's Disease and commenced to dope me with mercury, soda, lithia, salicylic acid, potash, etc., all of which were constantly constipating me, and nearly everything I ate disagreed with me. You can well imagine my condition and state of mind. I was broken down, disheartened and helpless.

By chance I had placed in my hand a paper containing an advertisement of Vita-Ore, and, like a drowning man, caught at it, sent for it, and it has proved to be the "oar" that enabled me to paddle my frail barque into the haven of Health. I used it in hot water and it commenced to benefit from the first dose. In four days I saw a decided change for the better. My urine became cleared up and normal in color. In six days the brick-dust deposit was gone. My bowels became regular again, I could eat what I wanted, and what I did eat did not hurt me and was perfectly digested. I slept soundly at night without those terrible hallucinations that had haunted my slumbers so long; but best of all, the pain was leaving my limbs. I could walk without crutch or stick.

Now, after taking a dollar package of Vita-Ore, I say I am better in health than I have been in thirty years. All this wonderful change in my condition is due to the virtue contained in one ounce of substance from Mother Earth. Would that I could impress on every one suffering with Kidneys, Stomach and Rheumatic Troubles, what I know of the virtues of Vita-Ore. Take it according to directions and you will not be long in joining with me in singing the praises of Vita-Ore and praising Theo. Noel for his efforts in introducing this grand remedy to suffering humanity.

M. V. ESTES

Re-affirmed Over One Year Later.

ATLANTA, GA.—My faith in Vita-Ore grows stronger every day. I suffered with Kidney Trouble for years and never got any relief until I used Vita-Ore, more than a year ago. That did the work, and I am still well. Can get insurance on my life in any company that accepts men of my age.

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HERMANSVILLE, MICH.—I had been pronounced incurable of Bright's Disease by three eminent physicians, when I commenced using Vita-Ore. I weighed about 100 pounds, but in three months I weighed 145 pounds and was well and hearty. I have not had a trace of Kidney Trouble since, and it is twelve years since I used the V.-O. W. H. NORCROSS.

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